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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JUNE, 1939

## COMMODITIES

Industrial material prices moved narrowly during June, at levels slightly below the average for May. However, unsteadiness in the latter half of May disappeared in June, and after easing from 65.2 for the week of June 2 to 65.1 during the succeeding fortnight, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index rose to 65.3 for the final week. The Stable group, which has been working moderately lower since last october, rose 0.7 to 88.3 under the stimulus of firmer prices for wood and scrap iron, but the Sensitive index declined from 53.6 to 53.4 , as Food Materials reacted sharply from the high of last month. Manufacturing Materials were firm and closed 0.3 up at 52.1. The General Wholesale commodity index fell from 73.5 to 73.3 during the month. This compared with 79.9 for the closing week in June of last year. Net losses were shown by Vegetable Products, Non-Ferrous Metals, NonMetallic Minerals and Chemicals, while Animal Products, Wood and Iron moved moderately higher. Canadian Farm Products declined 0.5 to 64.2. COST OF LIVING

A slight downard tendency in foods, fuel, clothing and motor operating costs caused the Dominion Bureau of Statistics" cost of living index for Canada to recede from 83.1 in May to 82.9 in June. Living costs have shown remarkable steadiness in the past ten months, the index remaining within a range of 1.4 per cent throughout that time. The average index of food prices fell from 74.6 to 74.3 between May and June, declines for veal, bacon, eggs, butter, cheese and potatoes exerting more influence than gains for beef, cooked ham, codfish, onions and sugar. A reduction in the coal sub-index from 85.7 to 85.5 and in that for coke from 83.4 to 81.7 , resulted in a drop in the fuel index from 84.5 to 84.3 . Slightly easier prices for tires and reductions in gasolene charges in one or two important centres, caused the motor operating costs sub-index to decline from 92.9 to 92.5 . This resulted in a recession in the sundries index from 94.3 to 94.2 . There were no changes of any importance recorded for other budgetary groups. STOCKS AND BONDS

Paralleling the downward tendency on foreign security markets common stock prices on Canadian exchanges turned sharply lower in June. Selling pressure, due to further complications in the international outlook, was more than sufficient to offset the stimulus of any seasonal improvement in domestic business. Losses in industrial shares were substantial and the section index for these issues dropped 7.2 per cent to 150.3 . The sharp decline in oil shares, noted towards the end of May, continued through June and the sub-group index fell from 162.2 on May 31 to 146.5 at the end of June. Declines in utilities, though relatively less severe than in industrials, were general, and the utility section index receded from 44.2 on May 31 to 41.7 on June 30 . Bank shares remained firm, the index finishing 0.4 points higher at 84.7 . Closing at 92.8 the general index for 95 common stocks recorded a net monthly loss of 6.4 per cent and was within 0.2 points of its 1939 low touched on April 11. In the mining section, an index of base metal shares showed independent strength during the earlier half of the month, rising to 315.2 on June 12. It subsequently reacted to 296.0 at the close for a net loss of 14.7 points. Gold shares were comparatively steady until almost the end of the month when they dropped from an index level of 117.3 on June 24 to 113.5 on the 30 th. The general index for 25 mining issues finished 3.6 per cent lower at 149.0 . Despite widespread declines in other security markets, Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices held firm until the final day when the index dropped 0.3 to 117.7 . It stood at 117.9 on May 31 . FOREIGN EXCFANGE (Quotations are Montreal noon rates unless otherwise specified)

Following a weaker tendency during the earller part of June, major foreign currencies strengthened against the Canadian dollar to close practically unchanged from levels ruling at the end of May. From $\$ 1.0015 / 64$ on May 31 United States funds declined to $\$ 1.001 / 8$ on June 5, a rate unequalled since early March, 1938. Quotations subsequently stiffened from this point to $\$ 1.009 / 32$ at the end of the month. Sterling spot rates declined to $\$ 4.6882$ on June 8 but support from the Exchange Equalization fund moved quotations back to $\$ 4.6936$ by June 30. Reflecting mounting international political tension discounts on sterling futures at New York increased sharply in the final days of the month. By the end of June, discounts on 90-day forwards. New York on London, had widened to $21 / 4 \phi$ compared with $19 / 16 \phi$ on the 28 th. Internal political difficulties, which culminated In the resignation of the Colijn cabinet late in June, were the principal factors associated with a 60 -point decline to $53.23 \phi$ in the Netherlands florin. Rates quoted on several other currencies also showed substantial declines during the month. Mexican banking authorities suspended foreign exchange dealings in the peso on June 27 following the report that the United States Treasury would reduce the silver price paid to foreign
producers. The peso immediateiy declined from $20.06 \%$ on the 27 th to a noninal rate of $17.22 \phi$ on the 30 th.

## REVIEY OF TMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

MFFAT AND OTHER GRAINS: Depressed by a preponderance of bearish factors Canadian grain prices at Winnipeg turned substantially lower in June. A sharp decline in wheat prices on the Liverpool market was paralleled at Winnipeg. Due to increased selling pressure from leading exporting countries, July futures at Liverpool slumped from 4 s. 4 d. per cwt. ( $61.1 / 8 \phi$ per bushel) on Junel to 3 s. $103 / 4 d .(547 / 8 \phi$ per bushel) on the 30 th. At Winnipeg, quotations on No. 1 Manitoba Northern dropped irregularly from $655 / 8 \notin \sim$ bushel on May 31 to $591 / 4 \phi$ on June 26. However, improved export demand towards the close lifted quotations for this grade back to $611 / 4 \phi$ by the $30 t h$. In comparison with the $43 / 8 \phi$ net decline for No. 1 Manitoba Northern, lower wheat grades suffered relatively more severe price declines. No. 2 Manitoba Northern was off $43 / 4 \phi$ per bushel to $573 / 8 \phi$ while No. 3 dropped $57 / 8 \phi$ to $521 / 2 \phi$.

In the coarse grains, price losses were extensive and comparatively greater than those for wheat. Rye, No. $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. , which had registered the sharpest gain in the previous month, recorded a drop of 16.0 per cent in June to $421 / \& /$ per bushel. Barley, No. $3 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. was down 10.8 per cent to $341 / 8 \phi$ while oats, No. $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. declined 9.2 per cent to $28 \mathrm{3} / 8 \phi$. Flax, No. 1 C.W. closed the month at ${ }^{*} 1.401 / 2$ for a net loss of 6.9 per cent.

|  | 1938 | 1939 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description(Basis, cash per bushel | June | May | June |
| Fort William and Port Arthur) | Average | Average | Average |
|  | $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |
| No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat | 114.3 | 65.5 | 61.8 |
| No. 2 Canada Western oats | 45.5 | 30.5 | 30.1 |
| No. 2 Canada Western rye | 53.0 | 45.8 | 44.2 |
| No. 3 Canada Western barley | 53.2 | 39.8 | 36.2 |
| No. 1 Canada Western flax .. | 142,9 | 150.8 | 142.8 |

FLOUR AND OTHER MILLED PRODUCTS: Paralleling the downard tendency in wheat prices, flour quotations showed further declines in June. At Montreal No.l patent flour dropped $20 \not \subset$ per barrel to $\$ 4.30$ during the month, while other grades showed similar losses. Winnipeg quotations for the same grade remained steady at $\$ 4.80$ per barrel until June 27 when a $10 \not \subset$ drop occurred, biringing the price level down to $\$ 4.70$. Quotations on Ontario winter wheat flour moved $10 \not \subset$ per barrei lower to $\$ 3.20$ in the first week of June, where they remained for the balance of the month. Reports of price cutting were current towards the end of the month. Millers stated only a limited amount of business was being done in spring wheat flour for export while the domestic situation remained unchanged. Canadian flour exports shipped during May totalled 515,778 barrels against 297,126 barrels in May, 1938. Price recessions were general among other milled products, rolled oats and oatmeal recording declines of $20 \neq$ and $25 \phi$ per bag on June 9 to $\$ 2.05$ and \$2. 60 respectively. Cornmeal was unchanged at $\$ 3.00$ per 98 -pound sack. In the milled feeds section, bran prices at Montreal dropped $\$ 2.00$ per ton to $\$ 21.25$ while shorts remained stationary at \$23.25 per ton.

Description $\quad$| (See above dates) |
| :---: |
| $\$$ |

SUGAR: Following the announcement that the International Sugar Council had provisionally agreed to reduce third year sugar export quotas, raw sugar prices advanced strongly on international markets towards the close of June. It was rumoured that the basic export quota of $3,625,000$ tons might be pared as much as 450,000 tons, to bring it down more in line with expected requirements. London prices responded almost immediately to this news, and by the $29 t h$, June rawa had advanced to $8 s .41 / 2 d$. per cwt. from 7 s . 3d. per cwt. on June 1. World contract No. 4 at New York rose 1rregularly from 1.29-1. $30 \phi$ per pound on June 1 to $1.53-1.59 \not \subset$ per pound on the $29 t h$. On the other hand, British West Indies raws, delivered at Montreal, moved irregularly lower from $2.375 \phi$ per pound in the first week of June to $2.230 \phi$ on the 30 th. In the refined grades section, Montreal quotations for standard granulated sucar were unchanged at $\$ 5.085$ per cwt. while Vancouver prices for a similar grade moved up $7.0 \%$ to $\$ 4.92$ per cwt. during the week of June 16.

Description
Granulated sucar, standard per cwt. at Montreal ..... Vancouver.....
B.W.I. raw sugar, per cwt. at Montreal ....
.i. raw sugar, per cwt. at Kontreal....
(See above dates)
$\$$

4,80
5.085
4.850
2.345
4.71
4.71
2.03
\$
2.03
5.085
4.920
2. 280

RUBBER: Moving within a restricted range throughout most of the month, raw subber prices at New York closed unchanged to slightly lower. Ribbed, smoked sheets, - dellvered at New York, were quoted at $161 / 2 \phi$ per pound on June 30 compared with a low of $165 / 16 \phi$ on the 14 th and $1611 / 16 \phi$ at the and of May. Standard, thick latex crepe, on the same basis, eased from $191 / 16 \phi$ per pound on May 31 to $183 / 4 \phi$ on June 15th but subsequently stiffened to $19 \neq$ at the close. Quotations on upriver fine Para were unchanged at $141 / 4 \phi$ per pound. United States May rubber statistics, which were less favourable than expected, contributed to the mid-month slump in prices. While actual May rubber consumption at 44,377 tons was up slightly over April, month-end stocks showed an increase for the first time since April 1938. They were up almost 3,000 tons to 193,602 tons on May 31.

|  | 1938 | 1939 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June | May | June |
| Description | Average | Average | Average |
| Raw rubber, per pound, New York (Canadian Funds) | ¢ | ¢ | I |
| Standard latex crepe sheets | 14.4 | 18.8 | 19.0 |
| Ceylon plantation, ribbed smoked | 12.7 | 16.2 | 16.5 |

LIVESTOCK: Although cattie prices averaged lower in June than in the previous month, markets displayed considerable firnmess throughout the month. Smaller deliveries at western points during the week ended June 8 th were chiefly instrumental in holding Winnipeg prices firm during the first half of the month, and good steers over 1050 pounds ruled steady at $\$ 6.15$ per cwt. till the week ended June 16. During this period, runs at Toronto were rather liberal and this same grade eased slightly ( $3 \phi$ per cwt.) to $\$ 6.42$ per cwt. Offerings in both eastern and western Canada then increased but as cooler weather favoured more active demand for beef, clearances were readily made. Prices moved forward steadily to $\$ 6.71$ at Toronto and $\$ 6.40$ per cwt. at Winnipeg by the close of the month. Calves were also easier but hogs and lambs averaged higher with the rise in the former, reflecting strength in British bacon markets.

| - | (See above dates) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Good steers, over 1050 pounds per cwt. at |  |  |  |
| Toronto ....t.d. | 7.28 | 6.94 | 6.57 |
| Winnipeg | 6.46 | 6.26 | 6.24 |
| Good veal calves per cwt. at Toronto | 7.65 | 8.25 | 8.12 |
| Winnipeg | 6.18 | 6.71 | 6.47 |
| Bacon, hogs, per cwt. at Toronto...... | 10.92 | 8.57 | 9.10 |
| Winnipeg ..... | 10.66 | 8.30 | 8.78 |
| Lembs, good handyweight Toronto | 11.41 | 10.57 | 11.51 |
| per owt. at Winnipeg ..... | 9.13 | 10.42 | 8.97 |

BUTTER: A rise of about $1 \phi$ per pound occurred in eastern butter markets during
June. At western centres, pricesfor the greater part held stady or advanced slightly. Offerlogs were light throughout the month but at Montreal, receipts increased considerably during the last week. Domestic demand was, about sufficient to make ready clearances,apl reports of higher British markets, together with some expansion in export inquiry, also served as strengthening factors. As shown by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, stocks of creamery butter in storage rose from $14,239,541$ pounds on June 1 to $31,277,227$ pounds on the first of the following month.

> (See above dates)

Description
Jobbing price of fifst grade creamery butter $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { per 1b. at } & \text { Montreal } \ldots . . & 26.7 & 21.9 & 23.1 \\ & \text { Toronto } & 26.8 & 22.3 & 23.2\end{array}$

EGGS: A composite average of June egg prices was about $61 / 2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. below the May level, but all grades did not contribute to this loss. An average of grade "A's" for representative Canadian cities rose from $22.9 \phi$ per dozen in May to $23.6 \phi$ per dozen in June, while corresponding averages for grades " $B$ " and "C" fell slightly more than $1 \phi$ to $19.2 \phi$ and $16.8 \phi$ per dozen respectively. During the first three weeks receipts of top grades declined while the percentage of lower grades increased, so that disposal of the latter became more difficult. Sharp reductions in offerings of all grades occurred in the last week and this was accompanied by mounting prices. Grade "A" at Montreal, Toronto and Saskatoon were marked up $3 \notin$ per dozen within the week, and other centres showed smaller gains. Lower grades also tended upward as the month closed. Cold storage stocks on July 1 were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at $7,303,356$ dozen against $5,815,634$ dozen a month earlier. Description
Eggs, grade A (Price to retailers) per dozen
at Montreal .....

| (See above dates) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |
| 29.3 | 24.3 | 24.9 |
| 27.6 | 22.8 | 23.3 | cotton prices,at New York, rose to a new seasonal high level in June. The artificial scarcity of supplies of "free cotton", which has prevailed for the past two months, combined with a moderate increase in United States domestic demand to produce an unusually tight spot situation. Opening the month at $9.36 \notin$ per pound, raw cotton at New York advanced to a higb of 9.59 , on June 8. Prices fluctuated irregularly around this level until almost the close when they dropped back to $9.33 \neq$. United States estimates of cotton sown at 24,943,000 acres for the 1939-40 season promised to be the smallest since 1899, but the domestic carryover for the current season was expected to be the largest on record. It was recently estimated at $14,250,000$ bales or $80 m 500,000$ bales above the previous record.



LUMBER: Various lumber specifications recorded further moderate price increases, on an f.o.b. mill basis, in June. Spruce deals, merchantable, advanced \$1.50 per $M$ on June 16 to $\$ 21.00$ per $M$ while two grades of fir timber, $3^{\prime \prime} \times 4$ " and $6 " x 6$ ", were each increased $\$ 1.00$ per $M$ on the same date to $\$ 17.50$. Also at higher levels for the month were clear fir boards, No.l and 2, and common cedar shiplap, No.1, which recorded advances of $\$ 2.00$ and $\$ 1.00$ per $M$ to $\$ 33.00$ and $\$ 18.00$ respectively. Although domestic demand was currently reported to be showing considerable improvement, export shipments continued to be the feature of the lumber trade. Exports of planks and boards to all destinations were $165,539 \mathrm{M}$ bd.ft. In May while a provisional figure for June showed an increase of $40,312 \mathrm{M}$ bd.ft. to 205,851 . Shingie mill operations which have been temporarily curtailed were expected to be stimulated by the re-opening of the United States export shingle quota on June 17.
(See above dates)


WOOL: Eastern wool f.O.b. Ontario points, netted a $2 \phi$ rise in June while mestern range advanced $1 / 2 \phi$ per pound during the same period. Demand for raw materials from trade sources increased and active competition for available supplies was reported. Strength in primary markets and prospects of considerable government orders also had a stimulating effect on the market.

|  | (See above dates) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |
| Rew wool, in quantities of 20,000 pounds or more f.o.b. Ontario polnts - |  |  |  |
| Eastern wool, bright, low, medium or l/4 blood staple or 50 's ................. | 15.0 | 15.0 | 16.0 |
| Western range, semi-bright fine, medium, $1 / 4$ blood staple or $50^{\prime} s-60$ 's .......... | 15.0 | 14.0 | 15.0 |

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


| Commodity $\begin{array}{ll} & : N \\ & \\ & \\ \\ & \\ \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { Price } \\ & \text { Series } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { :Yearly : } \\ \text { :Average: } \\ : 1938 \end{gathered}$ | June 1938 | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Apr11 } \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 78.6 | 80.1 | 73.4 | 73.7 | 73.3 |
| CEIE ${ }^{\text {COMPONENT }}$ MATERIALS CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 73.8 | 78.6 | 62.1 | 63.1 | 61.9 |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 76.7 | 78.0 | 72.2 | 71.9 | 71.3 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 67.5 | 67.4 | 65.7 | 66.3 | 66.4 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 77.5 | 76.8 | 76.4 | 76.7 | 77.1 |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 100.4 | 101.4 | 97.5 | 97.3 | 97.4 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 70.9 | 67.8 | 69.5 | 69.2 | 69.2 |
| VII. Non-Metalifc Minerals and Theis Products | 83 | 86.7 | 87.1 | 84.9 | 84.8 | 84.6 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 79.9 | 80.1 | 77.9 | 77.8 | 77.7 |
| PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Consumers' Goods | 236 | 77.2 | 77.4 | 74.1 | 73.9 | 73.7 |
| Foods, Beverages and Tobacco | 126 | 77.1 | 78.1 | 72.3 | 72.2 | 71.9 |
| Other Consumers, Goods | 110 | 77.2 | 76.9 | 75.3 | 75.1 | 74.9 |
| II. Producers' Goods | 402 | 75.8 | 78.6 | 68.3 | 69.0 | 68.1 |
| Producers' Equipment | 24 | 95.1 | 95.5 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 94.9 |
| Producers' Materials | 378 | 73.7 | 76.7 | 65.3 | 66.1 | 65.1 |
| Building and Construction Meterials | s 111 | 89.1 | 89.0 | 87.6 | 88.0 | 88.5 |
| Manufacturers ' Materials | 267 | 71.1 | 74.6 | 61.5 | 62.4 | 61.1 |
| ORIGIN GLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Raw and Partly Manufactured | 245 | 72.7 | 75.4 | 65.5 | 66.5 | 65.0 |
| Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured. | 322 | 78.2 | 79.2 | 73.3 | 73.2 | 73.1 |
| I. $\frac{\text { Articles of Farm Origin }}{\text { (Domestic and Foreign }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Field |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 95 | 63.0 | 69.5 | 48.4 | 50.5 | 49.2 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 91 | 76.5 | 78.0 | 69.9 | 69.9 | 69.0 |
| (c) Total | 186 | 70.3 | 74.1 | 60.0 | 60.9 | 59.9 |
| B. Animal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 46 | 79.8 | 79.8 | 79.7 | 79.4 | 75.5 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 59 | 74.3 | 75.0 | 67.8 | 67.7 | 68.6 |
| (c) Total | 105 | 76.7 | 77.1 | 73.0 | 72.8 | 71.6 |
| C. Canadian Farm Products <br> (1) Field | 52 | 69.0 | 74.3 | 56.1 | 55.9 | 55.6 |
| (2) Animal | 18 | 81.3 | 80.4 | 81.3 | 80.7 | 76.1 |
| (3) Total | 70 | 73.6 | 76.6 | 65.5 | 65.2 | 63.3 |
| II. Articles of Marine Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Rew and partly mannfactured | 5 | 65.4 | 55.4 | 58.8 | 71.0 | 61.6 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 11 | 72.0 | 72.4 | 68.5 | 67.8 | 69.3 |
| (c) Total | 16 | 70.2 | 67.8 | 65.9 | 68.7 | 67.2 |
| III. Articles of Forest Origin <br> (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 37 | 85.5 | 83.6 | 83.9 | 84.6 | 85.5 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 20 | 69.9 | 70.2 | 69.3 | 69.3 | 69.2 |
| (c) Total | 57 | 77.2 | 76.4 | 76.1 | 76.4 | 76.8 |
| IV. Articles of Mineral Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 62 | 81.5 | 80.7 | 80.5 | 80.1 | 80.2 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 141 | 90.5 | 91.3 | 88.0 | 87.8 | 87.6 |
| (c) Total | 203 | 86.5 | 86.6 | 84.6 | 84.4 | 84.3 |
| IMPORT AND EXPORT CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports | 76 | 83.1 | 82.2 | 80.5 | 80.6 | 80.9 |
| Exports | 70 | 70.9 | 73.8 | 60.9 | 62.2 | 61.1 |

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## (Clessified According to Chief Component Materials)

(1926=100)

|  | Commodity | No. of Price Series | Yearly Average 1938 | June 1938 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { May } \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index | 567 | 78.6 | 80.1 | 73.4 | 73.7 | 73.3 |
|  | Vegetable Products | 135 | 73.8 | 78.6 | 62.1 | 63.1 | 61.9 |
|  | Fruits | 15 | 70.3 | 70.4 | 67.9 | 69.0 | 77.5 |
|  | Fresh | 4 | 69.8 | 70.0 | 67.1 | 68.6 | 80.0 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 78.9 | 77.7 | 76.4 | 76.1 | 75.7 |
|  | Canned | 6 | 64.9 | 65.2 | 64.4 | 64.3 | 64.3 |
|  | Grains | 23 | 68.1 | 77.5 | 43.7 | 46.9 | 43.9 |
|  | Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 80.4 | 86.3 | 63.6 | 63.2 | 59.6 |
|  | Bakery Products | 2 | 91.4 | 94.3 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 84.4 |
|  | Vegetable 0ils | 8 | 61.2 | 58.2 | 58.2 | 58.2 | 59.4 |
|  | Rubber and Its Products | 9 | 59.9 | 58.7 | 61.0 | 58.2 | 58.3 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products and Glucose | 8 | 84.1 | 82.6 | 83.2 | 87.5 | 87.5 |
|  | Tea, Coffee, Cocor and Spices | 15 | 73.9 | 71.8 | 72.8 | 72.8 | 72.8 |
|  | Tobacco | 8 | 51.3 | 52.5 | 45.5 | 45.5 | 45.5 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 51.5 | 57.2 | 72.7 | 67.5 | 69.7 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 22 | 66.3 | 68.8 | 60.0 | 60.4 | 60.1 |
| II. | Animals and Their Products | 76 | 76.7 | 78.0 | 72.2 | 71.9 | 71.3 |
|  | Fishery Producta | 16 | 71.9 | 68.6 | 67.6 | 71.1 | 69.1 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 53.2 | 54.8 | 51.9 | 50.9 | 51.1 |
|  | Hides and Skins | 6 | 64.8 | 49.4 | 61.9 | 63.2 | 53.0 |
|  | Leather, Unmanufactured | 9 | 85.0 | 81.7 | 83.9 | 83.9 | 83.9 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 2 | 91.2 | 90.1 | 89.8 | 89.8 | 90.2 |
|  | Live Stock | 4 | 82.0 | 94.4 | 87.7 | 86.4 | 85.5 |
|  | Meats and Poultry | 10 | 79.2 | 88.1 | 78.8 | 79.0 | 79.0 |
|  | Milk and Its Products | 12 | 78.4 | 75.3 | 70.9 | 69.4 | 69.2 |
|  | Fats | 5 | 58.8 | 60.4 | 46.2 | 48.1 | 46.7 |
|  | Eges | 3 | 67.5 | 63.7 | 53.6 | 52.0 | 50.2 |

III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile
Products 85

Cotton, Raw
Cotton Yarn and Thread
Cotton Fabrics
Knit Goods
Sesh Cord
Flax, Femp and Jute Products
Silk, Raw
Silk Taread and Yarn
Silk Hosiery
Silk Fabrics
Artificial Silk Products
Wool, Raw
Wool Yarns
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods
Wool Blankets
Wool Cloth
Carpets

| 67.5 | 67.4 | 65.7 | 66.3 | 66.4 |
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| 52.0 | 51.7 | 50.7 | 54.7 | 57.7 |
| 81.2 | 81.2 | 80.8 | 80.0 | 80.0 |
| 72.2 | 72.0 | 68.9 | 68.3 | 68.3 |
| 82.5 | 82.7 | 81.0 | 81.0 | 81.0 |
| 85.3 | 83.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 |
| 47.9 | 46.9 | 46.9 | 47.2 | 47.1 |
| 27.6 | 26.1 | 38.8 | 43.3 | 41.7 |
| 64.6 | 64.6 | 61.6 | 61.6 | 61.6 |
| 65.1 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 62.0 |
| 44.6 | 44.7 | 46.8 | 50.2 | 50.2 |
| 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 |
| 53.7 | 49.0 | 49.8 | 48.2 | 50.6 |
| 77.3 | 78.6 | 73.4 | 73.3 | 73.3 |
| 88.5 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 87.9 |
| 91.5 | 89.8 | 87.8 | 87.8 | 87.8 |
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| OATS，NO． $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$ ． |  | \＄ | \＄ | \％ |  | \＄ |
| Ft．Wiliiam and Port Arthur basis | Bush． | ． 548 | ． 413 | ． 455 | ． 305 | 301 |
| WNEAT，NO． 1 Man．Northern Ft．William and Port Arthur basis | Bush． | 1.495 | 1.015 | 1.143 | ． 655 | ． 618 |
| FIOUR，First Patent，2－98＇s Jute |  | 8.821 | 6.491 | 7.200 | 4.763 | 4.380 |
| SUGAR，Br．W．Indies，Montreal | Cwt． |  | 2.041 | 2.025 | 2.345 | 2.280 |
| SUGAR，granulated，Montreal | Cwt． | 5.958 | 4.895 | 4.800 | 5.085 | 5.085 |
| xRUBBER，Ceylon，ribbed，smoked sh f．O．b．New York | ts Lb 。 | ． 488 | ． 148 | ． 127 | ． 162 | ． 165 |
| CATTLE，Steers，good over 1050 lbs Toronto | Cwt. | 7.330 | 6.264 | 7.280 | 6.940 | 6.570 |
| ROGS，Bacon |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto | Cwt． | 13.320 | 9.529 | 10.920 | 8.570 | 9.100 |
| BEEF EIDES，Packer Hides，Native Toronto | $\text { ers, }{ }_{\text {Lb. }}$ | ． 135 | ． 211 | ． 075 | ． 095 | ． 095 |
| LEATHER，Packer，crops，No．I \＆II， Distribuing points | $\text { .o.b } \text { Ib. }$ |  | ． 374 | ． 360 | ． 360 | ． 360 |
| BOX SIDES B， Oshawa | Ft． | ． 263 | ． 211 | ． 200 | ． 220 | ． 220 |
| BUTTER，Creamery，finest prints， Montreal | Lb． | ． 390 | ． 284 | ． 267 | ． 219 | ． 231 |
| CEEESE，Canadian，old，Large， Montreal | Lb． | ． 227 | ． 182 | ． 180 | ． 200 | ． 200 |
| EGGS，Grade＂A＂Large， Montreal | Doz． |  | ． 335 | ． 293 | ． 243 | ． 249 |
| COTTON，raw $1^{\prime \prime}-1$ 1／16＂ Pami ton | Lb。 | ． 194 | ． 106 | ． 106 | ． 110 | .118 |
| COITON YARNS， 10 ＇s white，single Hosiery cops，Mill | Lb． | ． 368 | ． 250 | ． 250 | ． 238 | ． 238 |
| xSILK，raw，special grand XX 85 p New York，13－15 deniers | $\mathrm{Lb} \text { 。 }$ |  | 1.818 | 1.718 | 2.790 | 2.666 |
| WOOL，eastern bright， $1 / 4$ blood， Toronto | mestic， Lb。 | ． 306 | ． 168 | ． 150 | ． 150 | .160 |
| WOOL，western range，semi－bright 1 blood，domestic，Toronto | Lb． | ． 316 | ． 161 | ． 150 | ． 140 | ． 150 |
| PULP，groundwood，No． 1 f．o．b．Mill | Ton |  | 21.762 | 21.004 | 21.301 | 21.438 |
| PIG IRON，Melleable，f．O．b．plant | Gross Ton | 25.680 | 22.000 | 23.500 | 20.500 | 20.500 |
| STEEL，merchant bars，mild Mill | 100 lbs． | 2.450 | 2.625 | 2.700 | 2.550 | 2.550 |
| ```COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal``` | Cwt． | 15.767 | 10.550 | 9.418 | 10.433 | 10.425 |
| LEAD，domestic，f．o．b．carlots Montreal | Cwt． | 8.154 | 4.176 | 3.933 | 3.973 | 3.998 |
| TIN INGOTS，Straits，f．o．b． Toronto | Lb． | ． 669 | ． 458 | ． 445 | ． 528 | ． 530 |
| ZINC，Domestic，1．O．b．carlots Montreal | Cwt． | 8.825 | 3.900 | 3.712 | 3.790 | 3.854 |
| COAL，Anthracite，Toronto f．o．b．carlots | Gross Ton | 12.110 | 10.211 | 9.670 | 9.640 | 9.240 |
| COAL，Bituminous，N．S． run－of－mine | Ton | 6.083 | 5.417 | 5.500 | 5.500 | 5.500 |
| GASOLENE Toronto | Gal． | ． 253 | ． 158 | .160 | ． 150 | ． 145 |
| SULPFURIC ACID $66^{\circ}$ Baume Toronto | Net Ton | 14.000 | 14.000 | 27.000 | 17.000 | 17.000 |

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1938 AND 1939
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INDEX NUMBERS OF RETATL PRICES, RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVIGRS IN CANADA, JUNE, 1939. (Calculations based on prices for the first of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retall prices, rents and costs of services on the base $1926=100$ fell fram 83.1 in May to 82.9 in June, due to declines in the food, clothing, fuel and sundries groups.

An index for retail prices alone including foods, coal, coke, household requirements, etc., receded from 77.4 to 77.1. When foods were removed from this index it was 79.8 in June as compared with 80.1 for the previous month.

An index for 46 food items declined from 74.6 to 74.3 , recessions for veal, bacon, eggs and butter influencing the index more than advances for sirloin beef, fresh port, cooked ham, onions and sugar. Grade "A" eggs fell from $26.1 \phi$ to $25.5 \phi$ per dozen, while an average of grade "B" and grade "C" eggs was $21.3 \phi$ as against $22.0 \phi$ for the previous month. Creamery butter was down from $26.1 \phi$ to $25.5 \phi$, and dairy butter from $23.3 \phi$ to $22.4 \phi$ per pound. Veal fell from $15.8 \phi$ to $15.4 \phi$ and bacon from $30.5 \phi$ to $30.1 \phi$ per pound. Potatoes showed a decline from $30.3 \phi$ to $29.5 \phi$ per peck. Sirloin beef moved up from $27.9 \phi$ to $28.3 \phi$, fresh pork from $23.5 \phi$ to $23.8 \phi$ and cooked ham from $56.1 \phi$ to $56.4 \phi$ per pound. Onions rose from $4.9 \notin$ to $5.8 \not \subset$ per pound. Sugar prices were fractionally higher. Codfish averaged $18.7 \phi$ per pound as compered with $18.0 \neq$ for May.

The fuel index receded from 84.5 to 84.3 , owing to seasonal declines in coal and coke prices.

The sundries index fell from 94.3 to 94.1 , the decline being due to a drop in the household effects sub-index from 86.3 to 86.2 and in that for furniture from 92.4 to 91.8 . The motor operating costs sub-index also declined from 92.9 to 92.5 , due to reductions in gasolene in one or two important centres and also slightly easier prices for tires.

A survey of clothing prices for June showed a decline of 0.3 per cent during the preceding three months. Decreases in women's clothing and materials by the yard were mainly responsible for the downward movement. The clothing index for June was 72.6 as compared with 72.8 in May.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-JUNE, 1939.
(1926=100)

|  |  | : Total <br> : Index | Food Index | Fuel Index | Rent <br> Index | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cloth- } \\ & \text { ing } \\ & \text { Index } \end{aligned}$ |  | Retail <br> Prices Index (Foods, Fuel, Clothing Household re-quirements, etd | : Retail <br> : Prices <br> Index <br> (Fuel, <br> Clothing. <br> Household <br> Require <br> : ments, <br> (etc.) <br> . |
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| 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 | 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 | 85.1 | 89.8 | 73.3 | 94.1 | 79.3 | 80.6 |
| 1938 | June | 84.1 | 78.1 | 84.5 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 94.0 | 79.2 | 80.3 |
|  | July | 84.2 | 78.4 | 84.3 | 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 | 84.7 | 90.3 | 73.4 | 94.0 | 79.1 | 80.5 |
|  | October .... | 83.9 | 77.1 | 85.1 | 90.1 | 73.4 | 93.9 | 78.9 | 80.6 |
|  | November | 83.8 | 76.6 | 85.5 | 90.1 | 73.4 | 94.2 | 78.7 78.3 | 80.6 80.3 |
|  | December ... | 83.6 | 76.2 | 85.6 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.2 |  |  |
| 1939 | January .... | 83.3 | 75.2 | 85.7 |  |  | 94.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 77.8 \\ & 77.5 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | February ... | 83.1 | 74.5 | 85.4 | $90.1$ | $72.8$ | 94.2 | 77.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 80.3 \\ & 80.2 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | March ...... | 83.1 | 74.5 | 85.3 | 90.1 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.1 94.3 | 77.4 | 80.2 80.2 |
|  |  | 83.1 | 74.6 | 84.5 | 90.0 | 72.8 | 94.3 | 77.4 | 80.1 |
|  | June ........ | 82.9 | 74.3 | 84.3 | 90.0 | 72.6 | 94.1 | 77.1 | 79.8 |

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

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPLL GRTICLES OF FOOD IN CLANLDG

| Year and Month | Beef Sirloin | Baef Chuck | Veal Roast | Mutto Roas | Pork Fresh | Pork Salt | Bacon <br> Break- <br> fast | Lard Pure | Eggs <br> Grade | Eggs <br> Grade" and <br> "Grade" | Milk | Butter Dairy | Butter Creamery | Cheese |  |
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| 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September | 79.3 | 77.4 | 69.3 | 75.5 | 74.2 | 72.4 | 71.3 | 63.7 | 71.6 | 71.6 | 87.5 | 62.7 | 66.2 | 68.6 |  |
| October. | 77.9 | 76.1 | 69.8 | 70.8 | 71.9 | 72.8 | 70.8 | 64.1 | 75.9 | 74.4 | 90.0 | 63.7 | 65.3 | 70.4 |  |
| November | 76.9 | 75.5 | 69.8 | 69.5 | 69.9 | 71.3 | 69.4 | 64.5 | 93.8 | 86.2 | 90.0 | 62.7 | 63.5 | 70.8 |  |
| December | 74.8 | 74.2 | 69.2 | 68.5 | 67.5 | 69.9 | 67.4 | 64.9 | 97.4 | 88.4 | 90.8 | 64.2 | 65.8 | 70.4 |  |
| 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 | 72.8 | 67.9 | 70.6 | 66.2 | 67.8 | 63.7 | 62.1 | 91.7 | 65.4 | 66.9 | 70.4 |  |
| April | 84.4 | 85.5 | 74.5 | 76.5 | 69.2 | 70.3 | 66.0 , | 68.6 | 57.3 | 57.0 | 91.7 | 66.4 | 68.2 | 70.8 |  |
| May. | 91.5 | 93.1 | 74.5 | 80.5 | 70.5 | 71.3 | 66.2 | 68.6 | 54.5 | 53.5 | 91.7 | 67.4 | 68.9 | 71.1 |  |
| June | 96.3 | 98.1 | 74.0 | 81.5 | 72.2 | 71.3 | 66.7 | 69.0 | 53.8 | 53.5 | 90.0 | 62.2 | 63.8 | 72.1 |  |
| July | 100.2 | 101.9 | 74.5 | 83.6 | 74.8 | 72.8 | 67.4 | 69.0 | 57.7 | 57.3 | 90.0 | 61.7 | 64.7 | 72.0 |  |
| August | 98.6 | 95.6 | 74.5 | 80.2 | 78.5 | 73.8 | 71.1 | 69.0 | 68.8 | 67.1 | 90.0 | 65.7 | 68.9 | 72.3 |  |
| September | 93.2 | 92.5 | 76.6 | 76.2 | 81.8 | 76.3 | 73.6 | 69.4 | 73.7 | 72.4 | 90.0 | 67.4 | 70.2 | 73.3 | 1 |
| October. | 90.5 | 89.9 | 76.6 | 74.2 | 80.8 | 77.1 | 75.2 | 69.4 | 83.8 | 79.6 | 92.5 | 68.4 | 70.5 | 73.0 |  |
| November | 87.1 | 86.8 | 76.6 | 73.8 | 75.5 | 75.3 | 74.8 | 69.8 | 94.0 | 86.2 | 92.5 | 70.9 | 72.9 | 73.0 | N |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { De cember } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | 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 | 72.6 | 1 |
| January .. | 85.4 | 86.8 | 78.6 | 73.8 | 73.2 | 74.9 | 70.6 | 66.9 | 81.8 | 78.6 | 95.8 | 76.3 | 77.6 | 73.3 |  |
| February | 86.7 | 88.1 | 83.8 | 75.2 | 73.2 | 74.6 | 70.1 | 63.7 | 68.4 | 67.6 | 95.8 | 79.3 | 80.5 | 73.3 |  |
| April | 87.8 | 90.6 | 81.3 | 81.2 | 78.1 | 75.3 | 73.8 | 62.9 | 62.0 | 61.3 | 95.8 | 87.9 | 88.8 | 74.5 |  |
| May. | 91.5 | 95.0 | 81.3 | 86.2 | 80.5 | 76.3 | 75.2 | 62.9 | 55.3 | 55.0 | 95.8 | 74.1 | 74.5 | 74.8 |  |
| June | 96.6 | 101.3 | 83.3 | 86.2 | 82.1 | 77.4 | 76.6 | 62.4 | 59.6 | 59.5 | 94.2 | 69.4 | 70.2 | 74.8 |  |
| July | 96.6 | 101.3 | 81.8 | 79.5 | 86.8 | 78.9 | 79.2 | 62.0 | 66.2 | 67.1 | 92.5 | 64.7 | 66.9 | 74.8 |  |
| August | 97.3 | 99.4 | 81.3 | 82.2 | 90.7 | 81.7 | 84.0 | 62.4 | 72.9 | 73.4 | 92.5 | 64.7 | 66.7 | 75.2 |  |
| September | 93.5 | 95.0 | 82.3 | 80.5 | 85.4 | 79.6 | 80.8 | 61.2 | 76.9 | 75.9 | 92.5 | 63.0 | 63.3 | 74.2 |  |
| October | 91.2 | 92.5 | 83.9 | 76.8 | 82.1 | 78.1 | 78.7 | 60.8 | 84.8 | 82.7 | 94.2 | 61.0 | 60.9 | 73.3 |  |
| November | 87.4 | 89.3 | 81.8 | 72.8 | 76.5 | 75.6 | 75.2 | 60.4 | 93.8 | 87.7 | 94.2 | 60.5 | 61.1 | 73.3 |  |
| December | 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 |  |
| 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 86.7 | 90.6 | 83.9 | 75.8 | 77.2 | 76.7 | 70.6 | 57.1 | 82.3 | 79.6 | 92.5 | 58.8 | 59.1 | 71.7 |  |
| February | 90.1 | 95.6 | 87.5 | 78.5 | 78.5 | 75.6 | 70.1 | 54.3 | 63.2 | 62.1 | 92.5 | 59.3 | 60.6 | $71 . \frac{1}{8}$ |  |
| March ... | 92.5 | 97.5 | 87.0 | 79.9 | 78.1 | 76.0 | 70.6 | 51.8 | 64.3 | 63.3 | 92.5 | 58.8 | 59.7 | 69.8 |  |
| April | 93.9 | 99.4 | 86.5 | 81.9 | 78.8 | 76.3 | 70.1 | 50.6 | 60.3 | 60.1 | 92.5 | 58.0 | 59.5 | 69.5 |  |
| May . . . | 94.9 | 100.6 | 82.3 | 82.6 | 77.8 | 76.3 | 70.6 | 48.6 | 55.8 | 55.3 | 92.5 | 57.5 | 58.4 | 69.2 |  |
| June ... | 96.3 | 100.6 | 80.2 | 82.6 | 78.8 | 76.0 | 69.7 | 48.6 | 54.5 | 53.5 | 92.5 | 55.3 | 57.0 | 67.0 |  |





## INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

Price movements of Canadian comon stocks were irregularly downard throughout June and sales volume was the lowest since February. Daily price averages for 95 common stocks registered net declines for all divisions of industrials and utilities and the general index closed at 92.8 as compared with 99.1 on May 31. This was the lowest level attained since April ll. Industrials led the decline and severe losses occurred between June 10 and 16 and again in the final week of the month. Net recessions among industrials were headed by pulp and paper issues, followed by oils, milling, industrial mines, building materials and machinery and equipment. In the utilities, transportation and power stocks suffered major losses of about $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. and $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. respectively. Although daily indices recorded net declines for all sections of the composite index, banks excluded, monthly averages with the exception of oils, milling and power issues, moved higher. However, the Intestors monthly average index dropped from 99.2 in May to 97.0 in June. Industrials receded 5.4 points to 157.6 while utilities were up 0.5 to 43.7 and banks 0.3 to 85.0 .

## MINING STOCK PRICES

Canadian mining markets shared in the general recession of stock prices in the fourth week of June, and the price index of twenty-five mining issues dropped 5.6 points to 149.0 between May 31 and June 30. Prior to this marked decline, gold shares were steady while base metals showed strength at times, with the result that monthly indexes recorded an advance of $1.7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. for each group. Trading activity increased in the second and third weeks but on the whole sales volume was lower than in May. The gold series was 113.5 on the closing day as compared with 117.0 on May 31, and base metals 296.0 against 310.7 a month earlier. Listed below is a table of average prices for the weeks of June 29 and 1 , as compiled by the Dominion Burcau of Statistics.


## PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's monthly price index for twenty-five preferred stocks traded on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges again moved upward showing a gain of 2.9 points to 81.9 for June. This was 0.1 above the index for June 1938 and 3.0 above the 1939 low in April. Practically all gains were made between the sixth and the twenty-third of the month and, with the exception of a few cases, prices eased considerably toward the close. Trading was light, the volume of sales dropping 8,538 to 22,538 . However, price gains were more numerous than in May, Moore A being up $\$ 12.6$ to a 1939 high of $\$ 169.9$. Other notable increases were: Simpson's Ltd., $\$ 6.8$ to $\$ 90.3$, Canadian Celanese $\$ 8.9$ to $\$ 109.2$ and MasseyFarris, $\$ 5.3$ to $\$ 41.5$. Issues for seven stocks reached a 1939 high in June, Viz.: Dominion Textile, Dominion Coal, Steel of Canada, Dominion Tar and Chemical, Moore A, Goodyear Tire and Rubber and Simpson's Ltd, Textiles represented by Canadian Celanese, Canadian Cottons and Dominion Textiles showed marked gains as compared with May. Out of the twenty-five stocks on the list, twenty appreciated in value, one remained unchanged while four registered losses. Among the latter, Canadian Car and Foundry and Abitibi Power and Paper each reached a 1939 low, the former averaging $\$ 21.0$ and the latter 4.2 . These issues have declined steadily each month since December 1938.

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


INVESTORS: MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS
(1926=100)

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$x$ Weekly figures.

|  | APRIL |  |  |  | MAY |  |  |  | JUNE |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 6 th | 13th | 20th | 27th | 4th | 11th | 18th | 25 th | lst | 8 th | 15th | $22 n d$ | 29th |  |
|  | $\$$ | $\$$ | \$ | \% | \% | \$ | \$ | \$ | \% | \$ | \$ | \% | \$ |  |
| GOLD GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beattie... | 1.14 | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.14 | 1.16 | 1.19 | 1.18 | 1.20 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.27 | 1.26 | 1.24 |  |
| Bralorne | 10.46 | 9.86 | 10.27 | 10.29 | 10.71 | 11.06 | 11.10 | 11.33 | 11.62 | 11.91 | 12.02 | 11.88 | 11.91 |  |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 12.04 | 11.00 | 10.71 | 11.83 | 11.67 | 12.04 | 12.04 | 12.04 | 12.44 | 12.04 | 12.10 | 12.12 | 12.04 |  |
| Central Patricia | 2.32 | 2. 20 | 2. 20 | 2.22 | 2.24 | 2.33 | 2.34 | 2.36 | 2.52 | 2.58 | 2.59 | 2.51 | 2.41 |  |
| Dome | 32.02 | 31.28 | 31.10 | 31.25 | 31.02 | 31.69 | 31.94 | 32.00 | 31.94 | 32.69 | 32.92 | 32.67 | 32.96 |  |
| God's Lake | . 21 | . 21 | . 22 | . 24 | . 30 | . 34 | . 34 | . 35 | . 37 | . 34 | . 35 | .36 | . 34 |  |
| Hollinger ........... | 14.06 | 13.75 | 14.00 | 14.27 | 14.29 | 14.50 | 14.50 | 14.50 | 14.71 | 14.94 | 14.85 | 15.00 | 14.94 |  |
| Howey ................. | .27 | .27 | . 27 | . 30 | . 29 | . 29 | . 29 | . 30 | . 34 | . 34 | . 33 | . 32 | . 33 |  |
| Kirkland Lake | 1.43 | 1.32 | 1.33 | 1.36 | 1.37 | 1.43 | 1.39 | 1.40 | 1. 53 | 1.54 | 1.53 | 1.53 | 1.49 |  |
| Lake Shore | 37.00 | 37.97 | 39.63 | 40.35 | 40.75 | 39.38 | 39.54 | 41.25 | 41.02 | 39.29 | 38.77 | 38.77 | 38.81 |  |
| Lamaque Gold Mines ... | 6.18 | 6.05 | 6.04 | 5.88 | 6.22 | 6.10 | 6.01 | 6.15 | 6.42 | 6.76 | 6.60 | 6.56 | 6.50 |  |
| Little Long Lac...... | 2.90 | 2.82 | 2.74 | 2.68 | 2.73 | 2.75 | 2.72 | 2.88 | 3.08 | 3.08 | 3.01 | 2.96 | 2.88 |  |
| Macassa .............. | 4.85 | 4.21 | 4.21 | 4.23 | 4.38 | 4.85 | 4.93 | 4.88 | 4.80 | 4.73 | 4.88 | 4.79 | 4.53 | 1 |
| McIntyre ............. | 52.88 | 51.13 | 53.08 | 53.38 | 52.96 | 53.04 | 53.17 | 54.42 | 57.46 | 57.37 | 57.69 | 58.06 | 57.21 | $\stackrel{\sim}{\square}$ |
| Pickle Crow .......... | 4.95 | 4.83 | 4.75 | 4.71 | 4.80 | 4.95 | 4.85 | 4.85 | 4.84 | 4.87 | 4.88 | 4.73 | 4.60 | 1 |
| Pioneer | 2.42 | 2.36 | 2.36 | 2.39 | 2.36 | 2.35 | 2.42 | 2.48 | 2.51 | 2.49 | 2.46 | 2.46 | 2.49 |  |
| Reno | .39 | . 37 | . 34 | . 32 | . 34 | . 40 | . 49 | . 52 | . 52 | . 50 | . 51 | . 53 | . 51 |  |
| San Antonio | 1. 49 | 1.36 | 1. 36 | 1.42 | 1.47 | 1.53 | 1.51 | 1.54 | 1.58 | 1.63 | 1.74 | 1.80 | 1.70 |  |
| Siscoe | 1.08 | 1.03 | . 99 | . 98 | 1.03 | 1.06 | 1.15 | 1.20 | 1.32 | 1.26 | 1.22 | 1.18 | 1.16 |  |
| Sylvanite........... | 3.12 | 2.95 | 2.99 | 3.04 | 3.07 | 3.18 | 3.23 | 3.20 | 3.32 | 3.36 | 3.38 | 3.43 | 3.35 |  |
| Tock-Hughes .......... | 4.13 | 4.01 | 3.99 | 4.00 | 4.03 | 4.03 | 3.98 | 4.13 | 4.23 | 4.35 | 4.27 | 4.27 | 4.19 |  |
| Wright-Hargreaves .... | 8.19 | 7.79 | 7.88 | 7.93 | 7.93 | 8.11 | 8.09 | 8.08 | 8.11 | 8.12 | 8.25 | 8.31 | 8.13 |  |
| BASE METAL GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge ........ | 5.01 | 4.75 | 4.62 | 4.90 | 4.93 | 5.08 | 4.96 | 4.97 | 5.28 | 5.41 | 5.41 | 5.31 | 5.20 |  |
| Hudson Bay ........... | 29.71 | 27.31 | 28.83 | 29.06 | 28.81 | 30.73 | 31.41 | 31.29 | 31.98 | 32.88 | 33.06 | 32.48 | 32.27 |  |
| Noranda ............... | 73.98 | 72.25 | 73.67 | 74.77 | 76.67 | 78.63 | 77.88 | 79.17 | 79.71 | 79.94 | 79.77 | 78.60 | 77.37 |  |



Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices held at a relatively higher level throughout June, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index rose from 117.0 for May to 118.0. This was the highest point touched since last June, when the index stood at 118.1, and it compared with 119.1 for August, 1936, the topmost peak since the inception of this index in 1919. Markets were firm as the month opened, and little change occurred until the 17th, when a temporary reaction set in. On the 22nd, former levels were regained and maintained until the closing day of the month, when security markets were again responsive to increased tension in international affairs. Provincials moved higher also, with gains of from 2 to 4 points frequent among the Westerns. British Consols fell from 70 to 67, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds closed 1.21 lower at 88.34. The index for Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields decined from 62.4 for May to 60.1 for June, and the average yield of the issues included in this index fell from 3.03 to 2.92. Based upon informe'sion received from Messrs. Wood, Gundy a Company, IImited, the index for representative Province of Ontario bond yields receded from 68.7 to 65.8 , and the average monthly yield decreased from 3.29 to 3.15 .

MONTFI Y INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICES, 1931-1939
(From data issued by A. E. Ames and Company, Ltd.)

|  | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jenuary | 103.1 | 94.1 | 103.3 | 104.6 | 115.9 | 113.6 | 117.7 | 116.1 | 117.5 |
| 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 | 117.0 |
| June | 105.4 | 94.6 | 104.9 | 110.4 | 114.2 | 117.0 | 114.9 | 118.1 | 118.0 |
| 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 | - |
| Soptember | 102.1 | 101.8 | 105.7 | 112.6 | 110.9 | 119.1 | 115.3 | 116.0 | - |
| October | 98.1 | 103.8 | 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 | - |
| Decamber ........ | 95.5 | 101.2 | 103.6 | 115.2 | 112.5 | 118.2 | 115.6 | 117.7 | - |

MONTYLY 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 | 112.7 | 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 | 60.1 |
| 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 | - |
| September | 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 | 211.7 | 99.4 | 95.1 | 71.3 | 75.5 | 64.1 | 67.4 | 61.8 | - |



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


X Unofficial.

MONTELY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1935-1939 Issued by the Standard Statistics Company, Inc., New York (1826=100)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & : \quad \text { Total } \\ & : 420 \text { Sto } 2 k s \end{aligned}$ | Industrials 350 stocks | Railroads 30 Stocks | Utilities 40 stocks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |
| June | 75.5 | 87.4 | 32.4 | 62.8 |
| July | 78.8 | 91.2 | 33.8 | 73.3 |
| August | 83.0 | 95.0 | 35.8 | 80.6 |
| Septermer | 85.0 | 97.5 | 37.0 | 81.9 |
| October | 85.2 | 88.5 | 34.3 | 81.0 |
| November | 93.3 | 1.7.4 | 37.6 | 90.1 |
| December | 95.3 | 129.2 | 41.4 | 91.6 |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 100.0 | 114.5 | 43.8 | 97.0 |
| February | 106.1 | 120.9 | 49.1 | 102.3 |
| March | 108.7 | 124.6 | 49.2 | 102.8 |
| April | 108.9 | 225.3 | 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 | 53.9 | 108.8 |
| September | 114.1 | 230.2 | 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 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 126.0 | 146.3 | 55.6 | 113.2 |
| February | 129.5 | 151.7 | 57.9 62.8 | 110.7 105.7 |
| 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 |
| Decomber | 92.0 | 110.6 | 28,8 | 77.9 |
| 1939 |  |  |  |  |
| Jonuary | 91.8 | 109.3 | 29.8 | 81.2 |
| February | 90.1 | 106.3 | 28.0 | 83.8 |
| Madeh | 91.7 | 108.0 | 29.7 | 85.8 |
| April | 81.9 | 95.9 | 24.8 | 80.0 |
| May | 83.1 | 97.0 | 25.0 | 32.4 |
| June | 86. C | 100.5 | 25.9 | 84.7 |



Trading in Dominion of Canada long-term bonds mas unusually light during December, and prices were little changed. The Dureau's daily index moved narrowly within limits of 0.3 , while the monthly inder at 113.1 remained the same as for November. Compared with 117.7 for December 1938, this represented a net loss of 3.9 poc. during the year. An announcement was made in December by tra Minister of Finance of nearby Dominion financing for war purposes. This hes little immediate effect upon market levels, as details of the loan were not wholly available。 Outstanding in an otherwise featureless provincial section were the Sackatchewan issues, many of whtch registered declines of from 2 to 3 points. British Consols closed $3 / 8$ higher at $683 / 8$, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds rose from 89.26 to 89.81 . The index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields fell from 69.0 for November to 68.8 for December, and the average yield of the issues fncluded in this index decined from 3.35 to 3.34. Based upon information received from Messrs. Wood, Gundy and company, Limited, the index for representative Province of Ontario bond yielas advanced from 72.9 to 73.5 , and the average yield increased from 3.49 to 3.52 ,

MONTHLY INDEX NUMB EPS OF WOMTNION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICES: 1231-1932. (From data issued by A. F. Amos and Company, Ltd.)

|  | 1931 | 1932 | 33 | 1934 | 35 | 19 | 937 | 938 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Janua | 103.1 | 54.1 | 103.3 | 104 | 115.9 | 113. | 117.7 | 116.1 | 117.5 |
| February | 103.1 | 94.9 | 103.4 | 105.4 | 124, 2 | 115.0 | 115.3 | 116.6 | 117. |
| March | 103.7 | 96.4 | 102.2 | 107.9 | 115.0 | 115.5 | 112.9 | 116.8 | 117. |
| 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 | 310.3 | 115.2 | 115.9 | 113.8 | 118.2 | 117.0 |
| June | 105.4 | 94.6 | 104.9 | 110,4 | 114.? | 117.0 | 114.9 | 118.1 | 118.0 |
| July | 105.3 | 97.0 | 104.8 | 111.1 | 114.5 | 118.0 | 115. 3 | 117.6 | 117.9 |
| August | 102.3 | 101.0 | 105.6 | 212.3 | 224.8 | 119.1 | 115.5 | 117.6 | 116. |
| September | 102.1 | 101.8 | 205.7 | 112.6 | 210.9 | 119.1 | 115.3 | 116.0 | 109.3 |
| October | 98.1 | 103.8 | 205.0 | 111.2 | 110.2 | 117.1 | 12.4 .5 | 116.9 | 112.0 |
| November | 97.4 | 1.02 .6 | 104.2 | 112.? | 212.5 | 117.6 | 114.8 | 117.8 | 113.1 |
| December | 95.5 | 101.2 | 1.03 .6 | 115.2 | 212.5 | 118.2 | 115.6 | 117.7 | 113.1 |

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-FSM BOND YIEIDS, 1231 - 1939.
(From data is sued by A. E. Ames and Compary, Ltdo)


WEHKLY INDEXX NUMBERSX 1239

| Date | Prices | Yields |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nov. 2 | 113.2 | 68.7 |
| 9 | 113.3 | 68.6 |
| 16 | 112.7 | 69.6 |
| 23 | 113.2 | 69.1 |
| 30 | 113.3 | 68.9 |
| Dec. | 113.2 | 68.7 |
| 14 | 113.2 | 68.8 |
| 21 | 213.1 | 68.9 |
| 28 | 113.1 | 68.7 |

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Not Mo noor rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based, have been supplied by the Bank of Canada
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: York : London : France: Belgium: Italy : land : lands : Norway : Sweden : Denmark : Ne
: Funds: Sterling: Franc Bolga: Lira : Franc :


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[^0]:    x Based upon average of daily figures for thr reai ending on dates specified.

[^1]:    + Since September 16, 1939, quctations used are the ever age of the daily buying and selling rate set by the Foreign Exchenge Control
    Boarde The durrent buying and selling rate for stering is $\$ 4.43$ and $\$ 4.47$ and for J.S. funds $\$ 1.10$ and $\$ 1.11 \quad x$ Free Rate.

