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#### Abstract

COMMODIT IES Industrial Naterial prices moved moderately lower during July, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index decreased from 65.3 for the week ending June 30 to 64.8 for the week ending July 28. The decline in Food Material Prices, which commenced in the closing days of May, continued at an accelerated pace during the month, and the index for this group dropped to 51.9, for a not loss of 5.1. On the other hand, Manufacturing Material Prices advanced, rising from 52.1 to 53.0 , the highost point touchod since January 1938. Changes in the Stable group were unimportant and the index remained at 88.3. General wholesale Conmodity prices moved downward also, the index falling from 73.3 to 72.1. This index has not been so low since June 1936. Reductions predominated in Vegetable Products, Animels, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Motals, while Non-Metallic Minerals edvenced slightly. Conedian Farm Products declined from 64.2 to 62.2 ,as lower quotations ruled in both the Animal and Field Products divisions.


COST OF LIVING
Increases in prices of a few of the more important foods, partially offset by further recessions in coal and coke prices, resulted in en advance in the general cost of living for Conada from 82.9 in June to 83.1 in July. The comparative figure for July of the previous year was 84.2 . The food group rose from 74.3 to 75.1 , gains for egge, butter, potatoes and pepper being of more consequence than declines for milk, tea, lard and most meats. A reduction in the coal sub-group from 85.5 to 85.0 and in that for coke from 81.7 to 81.0 , brought about a decline in the fuel index from 84.3 to 83.9. There wore no changes of any importance recorded for other budgetary groups.

## STOCKS AND BONDS

A mid-summer rally in Conadian security prices commenced in the first helf of July. All sub-group indexes, with the oxception of telephone and telegraph, recorded advances while issues included in the bese mal and hoavy industries sections were perticularly buoyent. Strength in these shares reflected not only higher prices for bese metals but also increased indust:ial production due to rearmament programmes now in offect. At the close of the month the general index level for 95 common stocks stood at 98.4 or 6.0 per cent ahove the final June figure. In the industrial section the index indicated a net gain of 7.5 per cent at 161.5 , while utilities moved up 2.6 per cent to 42.8 . Banks were 0.6 per cent higher at 85.2 . In comparis on with their exceptional weakness over the past two months, oil shares displayed considerable firmess, rising 6.1 por cent to $\mathbf{1 5 5 . 5}$ between June 30 and July 31. Paced by a rapid advance in the base metal shares sub-group the general index for 25 mining issues rose 6.3 per cent to 158.4 during the month. The bese metal index, which touched a new high for the year at 324.2 on July 31 , reoorded a net gain of 9.5 per cent on the month. Golds rose 4.3 per cent to 118.4 but unlike baso metals, were well below the year's high of 125.8 recorded on Jenuary 7. An index series for Dominion of Canada lon term bond prices, which ranged between a low of 117.6 on July 3 and a peak of 118.1 on the 14 th finally closed unchanged at 117.7. FOREIGN EXCHANGE (Quotations aro Montroal noon rates unless otherwise specified)

Extonding its irrogular advance of the past fow months the Canadian dollar stiffened graduelly in July ageinst practicelly all foreign currencies. A soasonel riso in Cenedian exports to the United Statos supplemented by recent Dominion security of ferings liftod the Canedien dollar at Now York to its highest levels in over sixteon months. sit Montreal, Unitod States funds weakonod from $\$ 1.009 / 32$ on June 30 to $\$ 1.000$ on July 28 where thoy romanod for the belance of tho month. Spot sterling rates, whilo remaining comparativoly firm at Now York, dropped more than $11 / 4$ conts to $\$ 4.6807$ at Montreal betwoon June 30 and July 31. Fruach francs closed at 2.65 cents comperod with 2.66 cents at tho ond of Juno while Bolgian belges showod a net decline of 5 points to 16.99 conts. Erratic fluctuations in tho Nethorlands florin reflected the current unstable internel political outlook. Following tro formition of a now cabinet under Promior Colijn florin rates rose to peak of 53.68 cunts on July 24 compared with 53.23 cents on June 30. By the close, though, rates had dropped back to 53.10 cents after the new cabinet had boen defoated on its financial policy. Extreme woakness in the Shanghai dollar featured Far Eastern currency ratos during the month. Quotations on the Chinese unit, which had beon holding around 12.75 eents until the middle of the month, dropped precipitously in the latter holf, following withdrewel of support by tho Br it ish-Chinese Stabilization fund.

By tho closo the rato hid shown a not declino of more than 33 per cent to 8.43 conts. Roflecting continuod uncertainty ovor tho intermediate outlook for foroign silver prices the Mexican peso (unofficial rato) fluctueted widely in July betwoen 18.05 cents on the 6 th and 16.86 cents on tho lith. It finally onded tho month at 16.87 cents for a net loss of 35 points.

## REVIFI OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WHEAT HND OTHR GRAINS: Touching DOT low lavels for the past aix years, cash grain prices at Winnipeg continued downward in the finel month of the 1938-39 crop year. At Liverpool wheat sterling quotations dropped to the lowest point reached in modern times whem the July future touched $3 s .51 / 4 d_{s}$ per cwt. on July 24 compered with 3 s. $103 / 4$. ( $547 / 8$ cents per bushel) on June 30. During the same interval No. 1 Manitoba Nar thern Wheat, Fort William and Port Arthur basis, declined to $503 / 8$ cents per bushel from $611 / 4$ cents. However, hot, dry weather on the western plains in the final week of July combinod with technical factors to lift wheat prices back to 3s. $73 / 8$. per cwt. ( $503 / 4$ cents per bushel) at İiveipooi and $533 / 4$ cents per bushel at Winnipeg.
flthough the war ld carryover will be exceptionally large, Broomhall recently ostimated the current whoat crop for all Europe at approximately lo per cont less then the $p$ evious year's hoavy yield, and dotorioration in the Canadian whot crop, already notod, necessitated downward rovisions in recent crop estimates.

Among the cozus? greins, price movements generelly paralleled wheat, though flax failed to show any recovery during the closing weok. After touching a low of $223 / 4$ cents per bushel on July 24 , opts No. $2 \mathrm{C} . W$. rocovered to close at $26 \mathrm{l} / 2$ cents for a net loss of $17 / 8$ cents. Barley No. 3 CoW . at 34 cents per bushel on July 29 was off only $1 / 8$ cents on the month, whilo ryo No. $2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{W}$ 。 at $37 \mathrm{l} / 2$ cents on the 31 st was down $45 / 8$ cents per bushel. The drop in No. 1 C .W. flax from $\$ 1.401 / 2$ per bushel on june 30 to $\$ 1.281 / 4$ on July 31, though sharp, was relatively less severe than the 12.2 per cent net decline shown for No.l northern whet.


FLOUR AND OTHER MIITED PRODUCTS: Domestic flour prices during July dropped to the lowest levels in recent years. From $\$ 4.30$ per berrel on June 30 No.l patent flour, Montreal rate points, declined to $\$ 4.10$ on July 21 . However, firmer grain prices in the final week of the month lifted quotations for this grade of flour beck to $\$ 4.30$ per berrel by the close. Quotations on e similar grede at Winnipeg declined from an opening level of $\$ 4.70$ per barrel to $\$ 4.40$ on July 20 where they remained for the belance of the month. Ontario winter wheat flour ruled steady at $\$ 3.20$ per barrel until July 28 when quotations slumped to $\$ 2.50$. Flour millors reported consumer domand dormant in both the domestic and export market, buyers boing inclined to await tho outturn of the current grein crops. Exports of flour to all destinations were sharply lower in June, totalling 401, 189 barrels comper ed with $5 i 5, ' 78$ bermels in May. Oatmoal and rolled oats remainod firm at $\$ 2.60$ per 98 -pound sack and $\$ 2.05$ por 80 -pound bag respectively. In the milled feeds section both bran and shorts prices worked irregular ly lower, influenced by a seasonal contraction in consumptiph chennels. Closing quotations showod a net loss of $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 18.75$ per ton for bran and $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 22.25$ per ton for shorts.

| (See above dates) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$$ | $\$$ | $\$$ |
|  |  |  |
| 6.75 | 4.38 | 4.20 |
| 2.90 | 2.09 | 2.05 |
| 3.58 | 2.65 | 2.60 |

Description
Flour No. 1 Patent, Manitoba, por barrel


Oatmeal, Toronto, per 93-pound lag $\ldots=\ldots$ 2. 3.58 2.65 2.60
SUGAR: Raw sugar prices showed en easier price tendency on world mar lets during July. London quotations doclinod rapidly during the month as British refiners indicated unwillingness to pay quotations asked for spot raws. July futures at London accordingly moved down from an oponing level of 8 s . 3d. per cwt. to 7 s . on July 20 where $t$ hey remained for the balance of the month. On the New York merket September futures for world contract No. 4 receded from $1.251 / 2-1.26$ conts per pound on Jivy to 1.18 1./2.
$1.191 / 2$ cents on the 28 th, but by the close had moved up frectionally to 1.20 cents m $1.20 \mathrm{l} / 2$ cents. Paralleling the London market British West Indies raws, delivered at Montreal, weakened from 2.230 cents per pound on June 30 to 2.175 cents on July 28. Refined grades were steady at Montreal during the month while a 2 cent rise to $\$ 4.94$ per cwt. on July 17 was recorded for standard granulated sugar at Vancouver. Free market sugar consumption requirements were set at $3,218,000$ metric tons for the third quota year, by the International Sugar Council at a meeting held in London during the latter half of July. This compared with a basic quota of $3,652,000$ metric tons and a provisional figure of $3,100,000 \mathrm{set}$ on June 15.

|  | 1938 | 1939 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July | June | July |
| Description | Average | Average | Average |
|  | \$ | \$ |  |
| Granulated sugar, standard, per cwt. at |  |  |  |
| Vancouver | 4.69 | 4.920 | 4.940 |
| B.W.I. raw sugar, per cwt. at Montreal | 2.05 | 2.280 | 2.170 |

RUBBER: Mid-July prices for raw rubber, at New York were at their highest levels for the past nine months. Closing quotations, though shaded somewhat from the month's high were, however, well above opening levels. The report that June raw rubber consumption In the United States was weli above trade expectations contributed to a favorable statistical picture during the first half of July. Opening at $1815 / 16$ cents per pound, at New York standard thick latex rose to a peak of $193 / 8$ on July 18 but by the close of the month had reacted to $191 / 8$ cents. Ribbed smoked sheets, on the same basis touched $167 / 8$ cents per pound on the 18th compared with $167 / 16$ cents on July 3 and $165 / 8$ cents at the close. The decision of the International Rubber Regulation Commltoe to raise the crude rubber export quota from 55 to 60 per cent of standard tonnage was the chief factor contributing to lower prices in the latter half of July. The Committee also stated that the 60 per cent quota would also be applicable to the remainder of the third quarter.
(See above detes)
Description
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$\phi$
$\phi$
Rew rubber, per pound, New York (Conadian Funds)
Standard latex crepe sheets ................ 17.219 .019
Ceylon plantation, ribbed smoked sheets ...
15.6
16.5
16.6

IIVESTOCK: A drop of slightly more than 1 p.c. occurred in en index of livestock prices between June and Juiy, but all classes did not contribute to this decline. Steers and lambs averaged lower while calves and hogs moved upward. After declining during the opening days, cattle markets held comparatively steady till about the midde of the month. Offerings increased in the third week while owing to hot weather, consumption demand for beef declined. Quota shipments to the United States were resumed but markets there were also comparatigely inactive. Canadian markets eased and prices at Toronto fell 9 cents to $\$ 6.43$ per cwt. for the week ended July 21 and remained at practically that point till the close of the month. There was a loss of 15 cents per cwt. between the weeks of July 14 and 21 at Winnipeg but this was recovered when good steers over 1050 lbs. closed at $\$ 6.15$ per cwt., on a par with the opening level. Strans demand for export account, caused quotations for calves to move upward. Hogs averaged higher than in June, but markets was weaker as the month closed. Lambs averaged about 12 p.c. below the previous months' level.

|  | (See above dates) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Steers, good over 1050 pounds per cwt. at |  |  |  |
| Toronto ...... | 7.07 | 6.57 | 6.45 |
| Wimipeg ..... | 6.34 | 6.24 | 6.09 |
| Calves, good veal per cwt. at Toronto ...... | 7.97 | 8.12 | 8.43 |
| Winnipeg | 6.08 | 6.47 | 6.35 |
| Hogs, bacon per cwt. at Toronto...... | 11.94 | 9.10 | 9.34 |
| Winnipeg.oc.. | 11.83 | 8.78 | 9.05 |
| Lambs, good handy weight |  |  |  |
| per cwt. at Toronto ...... | 10.84 | 11.51 | 10.22 |
| Winnipeg . . . . | 8.50 | 8.97 | 8.17 |

BUTTER: Movements in butter markets as gauged by Montreal and Toronto were narrow throughout July. First grade creamery butter at Toronto showed a rise of $2 / 5$ cents between the month's low and high while the difference in price for this same grade at Montreal amounted to $3 / 10$ cents per $1 b$. Trade, for the most part, was light but demand was sufficient to keep receipts moving. A preliminary statement issued by the

Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics showed cold storage stocks of creamery butter for nine principal Canadian cities at $31,900,000$ pounds on August 1 compared with 20,723,000 pounds on Juiy 1.

| Description | , | $\begin{aligned} & 1.938 \\ & \text { July } \\ & \text { Average } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1939 \\ & \text { June } \\ & \text { Average } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1939 \\ & \text { July } \\ & \text { Average } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First grade | creamery butter per lb. at | $\phi$ | $\downarrow$ | $\phi$ |
|  | Montreal ...... | 26.6 | 23.1 | 22.9 |
|  | Toronto | 26.6 | 23.2 | 23.2 |

EGGS: During the first two weeks of July, Cenadian egg markets held about steady. In the third week price advances were feirly eeneral and from then till the close of the month, the movement was lipward. Receipts of fresh supplies, particularly grade A's, continued to decrease and by the end of July, shortages were reported at some centros. With the scarcity of the better grades and higher prices prevailing for these, a better demand developed for the lower giades. As shown in a preliminary statement issued by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, cold storage stocks for nine cities amounted to about 6, 100 , (w) dozen on August 1 compared with $5,494,000$ dozen a month earlier.


COTTON: Raw cotton prices fluctuated irregularly in July. Opening at 9.37 cents per pound, spot cotton, upiand midding, at New York, rose to 9.59 cents on the 10 th, equalling the previous monthis tigh. Quotations subsequently declined to 9.05 cents per pound on the 20th but by the ci.cse haj recovered to 9.45 cents. United states cotton consumption was reported at 578,448 bales in June, moderately below the previous month's figure of 605,353 bales. On the other hand, cotton bale openings at Canadian mills during June totalled 2l,299 bales, the highest of any month since November, 1937.


LUMBER AND TIMBER: Lumber prices, on an $f .0 . b$. mill basis, showed little net change in July. An index for representative cedar descriptions stiffened from 100.6 for the week ending July 14 to 101.2 in the following week due to an increase for bevel siding. Merchantable sawn spruce deals advanced $\$ 1.50$ per thousand to $\$ 22.50$ on July 21 bringing the composite spruce index up 1.7 points to 88.2 on that date. In the domestic market demand was slack, but exports continued to increase, For the first six months of 1939 shipments from British Columbia totalled nearly 680 million feet or almost 100 million feet above the corresponding six months of 1938. Description (Price Indexes 192S=100)
(See above dates)

| White pine lumber | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spruce lumber | 81.7 | 86.5 | 88.2 |
| Fir lumber | 88.3 | 94.3 | 93.0 |
| Cedar lumber | 87.4 | 100.6 | 100.6 |

COPPER: Copper prices were buoyent in July influenced largely by rearmament requirements and better business sentiment in the United States. In one of the strongest buying moves of the past three jears electrolytic spot copper, delivered connecticut Valley basis, advanced from 10 cents per pound on July 1 to $103 / 8$ on the 21 st where it remained for the balance of the month. Domestic sales of copper in the United States during July attained a new high of 182.579 tons compared with the previous high of 180,051 tons sold in October, 1936. Brass mills were reported operating at 70 per cent of capacity, the highest level in over one and ono-half years. On the London market also, quotations showed a rising tendency. At the close of the month standard spot copper stood at $£ 437 / 16$ per long ton compared with on opening level of $£ 4211 / 16$ and a low of £42 $9 / 16$ on July 4.
Description
Copper, electrolytic domestic, per 100 pounds


|  | (See above dates) |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$$ | $\$$ |
| 10.41 | 10.43 |

\$
10.63

BUILDING ANT) CONSIRUCTION MATERIALS, $1913=100$


| Commodity | No. of <br> Price <br> Series | :Yearly <br> :Average: <br> : 1938 <br> : | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nay } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Index 56? Commodities | 567 | 78.6 | 78.6 | 73.7 | 73.3 | 72.6 |
| CIIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 73.8 | 74.4 | E3.1 | 61.9 | 59.9 |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 76.7 | 78.3 | 71.9 | 71.3 | 71.2 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 67.5 | 67.5 | 65.3 | 66.4 | 66.2 |
| IV. Wood Wood Prodicts and Paper | 49 | 77.5 | 75.7 | 76, 7 | 77.1 | 77.0 |
| V. Iron acce Its Products | 44 | 100.4 | 97,8 | 97.3 | 97.4 | 97.4 |
| VI. Non-F'ertcus Meテals and Their Pronucts | 18 | 70.9 | 70.6 | 69.2 | 69.2 | 68.6 |
| VII. Non-Mctailic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 86,7 | 86.5 | 24.8 | 84.6 | 84.7 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 79.9 | 79.4 | 77.8 | 77.7 | 77.6 |
| PURPOSE CIASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Consumers ' Goods | 236 | 77.2 | 77.7 | 73,9 | 73.7 | 73.4 |
| Foocs, Beverages and Tobacco | 126 | 77.1 | 78.9 | 72.2 | 71.9 | 71.5 |
| Other Consumers ' Goods | 110 | 77.2 | 76.9 | 75.1 | 74.9 | 74.7 |
| II. Producers ' Goods | 402 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 69.0 | ¢8.1 | 66.7 |
| Producers ' Equipment | 24 | 95.1 | 95.5 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 95.0 |
| Producars' Materiais | 378 | 73.7 | 73.6 | 66,1 | 65.1 | 63.5 |
| Building and Construction Materials | 111 | 89.1 | $8 \% .4$ | 88.0 | 88.5 | 88.6 |
| Manufacturers ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Materials | 267 | 71.2 | 71.3 | 62.4 | 61.1 | 59.2 |
| ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Raw and Fartly Manufactured | 245 | 72.7 | 72.5 | 66.5 | 65.0 | 63.1 |
| Total Fulij and Chiefly Manufactured | 322 | 78.2 | 78.4 | 73.2 | 73.1 | 73.0 |
| I. $\quad \frac{\text { Articles of Farm Origin }}{\text { (DCnestic and Foreign }}$ <br> A. Field |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 95 | 63.0 | 63.4 | 50.5 | 49.2 | 45.9 |
| (b) Fuily and chiefly manufactured | 91 | 76.5 | 76.8 | 69.9 | 69.0 | 68.5 |
| (c) Total | 186 | 70.3 | 70,6 | 60.9 | 59.9 | 58.1 |
| B. Animal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 46 | 79.8 | 79.3 | 79.4 | 75.5 | 74.9 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 59 | 74.3 | 75.7 | 67.7 | 68.6 | 68.9 |
| (c) Totel | 105 | 76.7 | 77.3 | 72.8 | 71.6 | 71.5 |
| C. Caradjan Farm Products (1) Field | 52 | 69.0 | 65.9 | 55.9 | 55.6 | 55.0 |
| (2) Animai | 18 | 81.3 | 80.7 | 80.7 | 76.1 | 75.5 |
| (3) Toial | 70 | 73.6 | 71.4 | 65.2 | 63.3 | 62.7 |
| II. Articles of Marine Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) Fuliy and chiefly manufactured | 11 | 72.0 | 71.1 | 67.8 | 69.3 | 69.7 |
| (c) Total | 16 | 70.2 | 67.2 | 68.7 | 67.2 | 66.4 |
| III. Articies of Forest origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 37 | 85.5 | 83.9 | 84.6 | 85.5 | 85.5 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 20 | 69.9 | 69.9 | 69.3 | 69.2 | 68.9 |
| (c) Total | 57 | 77.2 | 76.4 | 76.4 | 76.8 | 76.6 |
| IV. Articles of Mineral Origin 62815810880.180 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Rew aric parily manufactured | $\begin{array}{r} 62 \\ 141 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 81.5 \\ & 90.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 81.2 \\ & 89.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 80,1 \\ & 87.8 \end{aligned}$ | 80.2 37.6 | 79.7 87.9 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured <br> (c) Total | $\begin{aligned} & 141 \\ & 203 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90.5 \\ & 86.5 \end{aligned}$ | 89.7 85.9 | 87.8 84.4 | 87.6 84.3 | 87.9 84.2 |
| IMPORT AND EXPORT CLASSIFICATI ON |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports | 76 | 83.1 | 82.9 | 80.6 | 80.9 | 80.6 |
| Exporss | 70 | 70.9 | 70.4 | 62.2 | 62.1 | 59.6 |

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## INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITITES

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

|  | Commodity | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : No.of } \\ & \text { : Price } \\ & \text { : Series } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Yearly } \\ & \text { :Average } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { J:7y } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : June } \\ & \text { :1939 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : J u l y \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index | 567 | 78.6 | 78.6 | 73.7 | 73.3 | 72.6 |
| I. | Vegetable Products | 135 | 73.8 | 74.4 | 63.1 | 61.9 | 59.9 |
|  | Pruits | 15 | 70.3 | 73.4 | 69.0 | 77.5 | 78.1 |
|  | Fresh | 4 | 69.8 | 74.4 | 68.6 | 80.0 | 80.8 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 78.9 | 76.1 | 76.1 | 75.7 | 75.7 |
|  | Cemned |  | 65.0 | 64.9 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.5 |
|  | Grains | 23 | 68.1 | 67.5 | 46.9 | 43.9 | 39,1 |
|  | Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 80.4 | 81.4 | 63.2 | 59.6 | 56.7 |
|  | Bakery Products | 2 | 91.4 | 94.2 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 84.4 |
|  | Vegetable Oils | 8 | 61.2 | 60.1 | 58.2 | 59.4 | 57.9 |
|  | Rubber and Its Products | 9 | 59.9 | 59.7 | 58.2 | 58.3 | 60.2 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products and Glucose | 8 | 84.1 | 82.7 | 87.5 | 87.5 | 87.3 |
|  | Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices | 15 | 73.9 | 72.7 | 72.8 | 72.8 | 72.6 |
|  | Tobacco | 8 | 51.3 | 52.5 | 45.5 | 45.5 | 45.5 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 51.5 | 57.9 | 67.5 | 69.7 | 71.1 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 22 | 66.3 | 67.3 | 60.4 | 60.1 | 60.3 |
| II. | Animals and Their Products | 76 | 76.7 | 78.3 | 71.9 | 71.3 | 71.2 |
|  | Fishery Products | 16 | 71.9 | 68.3 | 71.1 | 69.1 | 67.8 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 53.2 | 47.9 | 50.9 | 50.9 | 51.1 |
|  | Hides and Skins | 6 | 64.8 | 53.6 | 63.2 | 53.0 | 55.6 |
|  | Leather, Unmanufactured | 9 | 85.0 | 81.7 | 83.9 | 83,9 | 84.2 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 2 | 91.2 | 89.5 | 89.8 | 90.2 | 90.2 |
|  | Live Stock | 4 | 82.0 | 94.9 | 86.4 | 85.5 | 84.6 |
|  | Meats and Poultry | 10 | 79.2 | 89.1 | 79.0 | 79.0 | 77.9 |
|  | Milk and Its Products | 12 | 78.4 | 74.8 | 69.4 | 69.2 | 69.4 |
|  | Fats | 5 | 58.8 | 61.2 | 48.1 | 46.7 | 45.8 |
|  | Eggs | 3 | 67.5 | 68.8 | 52.0 | 50.2 | 53.0 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cotton, Raw | 2 | 52.0 | 53.6 | $54 . ?$ | 57.7 | 56.1 |
|  | Cotton Yarn and Thread | 5 | 81.2 | 81.2 | 80.0 | 80.0 | 80.0 |
|  | Cotton Fabrics | 19 | 72.2 | 72.1 | 68.3 | 68.3 | 68.7 |
|  | Knit Goods | 3 | 82.5 | 82.7 | 81.0 | 81.0 | 81.0 |
|  | Sash Cord | 1 | 85.3 | 83.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 |
|  | Flax, Yemp and Jute Products | 10 | 47.9 | 46.9 | 47.2 | 47.1 | 47.0 |
|  | Silk, Raw | 9 | 27.6 | 29.3 | 43.3 | 41.7 | 42.9 |
|  | Silk Thread and Yarn | 2 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 61.6 | 61.6 | 63.2 |
|  | Silk Hosiery | 2 | 65.1 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 |
|  | Silk Fabrics | 4 | 44.6 | 44.7 | 50.2 | 50.2 | 50.2 |
|  | Artificial Silk Products | 5 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 |
|  | Wool, Raw |  | 53.7 | 51.5 | 48.2 | 50.6 | 53.9 |
|  | Wool Yerns | 6 | 77.3 | 77.6 | 73.3 | 73.3 | 73.9 |
|  | Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods | 5 | 88.5 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 87.9 | 87.9 |
|  | Wool Elankets | 1 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 87.8 | 87.8 | 87.8 |
|  | Wool Cloth | 6 | 75.1 | 74.9 | 71.3 | 71.3 | 69.7 |
|  | Carpets | 2 | 96.7 | 97.1 | 93.1 | 93.1 | 93.1 |


|  | Conmodities | No．of Price Series | $\begin{aligned} & \text { :Yearly } \\ & \text { :Average } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1538 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | June | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { :July } \\ & : 19 k 9 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IV． | Wood，Wood Products and Paper | 49 | $7 \%$ | 76.7 | 76.7 | 77.1 | 77.0 |
|  | Newsprint | 2 | 68.2 | 68.1 | 67.9 | 67.8 | 67.8 |
|  | Lumber． | 33 | 89.8 | 89.4 | 91.0 | 9？．1 | 92.3 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 75.6 | 73.5 | 70，0 | 70.2 | 69.9 |
|  | Furniture | 10 | 85.5 | 86.7 | 82， 4 | 82，4 | 79.8 |
|  | Matches | 1 | 77.9 | $77 \% 9$ | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 |
| V． | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 100.1 | 97.8 | 97.3 | 97.1 | 97.4 |
|  | Pig Iron and Steel Billets | 3 | 96.0 | 93.2 | 90， 2 | 90.2 | 90.2 |
|  | Rolling Mijil Products | 14 | 107．5 | 105.2 | 103.8 | 103，2 | 103.2 |
|  | Pipe（Cast Iron and Steel） | 2 | 99.4 | 97． | 97． | 97.1 | 97.1 |
|  | Eardware | 16 | 90．］ | 89.7 | 83.3 | 88.5 | 88.5 |
|  | Wire | 3 | 100， 4 | $9 \%$ ， 5 | $9 \%$ | $9{ }^{\text {rio }} 2$ | 97.2 |
|  | Scrap | 5 | 85.9 | 60.3 | 70.9 | 2， 3 | 72.3 |
|  | Miscerlareous | 1 | 112.5 | 13.25 | ＋23．5 | 112.5 | 112.5 |
| VI． | Non－F＇gitous Metals and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Their Prociucts | 18 | 70.9 | 70.0 | E9．2 | 69.2 | 68.6 |
|  | Alumativm | 2 | 81.5 | S3．9 | 80.4 | 80.4 | 80.4 |
|  | Antimony | 1 | ع8．7 | 85， 7 | 79.8 | 78.3 | 76， 8 |
|  | Brass and Copper Products | 6 | 73.7 | 72． 2 | 72.8 | 72.8 | 74.0 |
|  | Lead and Its Products | 2 | 52.3 | 51．9 | 49.3 | 50.3 | 50.8 |
|  | Silver | 1 | 70.1 | 59.6 | 59.3 | 67.8 | 57．1 |
|  | Tin lingots | 2 | 67.6 | 68.4 | $75 . ?$ | \％ 5 | 76.1 |
|  | Zine and Its Products | 2 | 44.3 | 45.3 | 43.0 | $4 \overline{3} .8$ | 44.5 |
|  | Solder | 1 | 74.6 | 69.5 | 97.2 | 77.2 | 77.2 |
| VII． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Their Products | 83 | 86.7 | 863 | 84.8 | 34.6 | 84.7 |
|  | Clay and Allied Material Products | 10 | 86.0 | $80^{3} \cdot 5$ | 28.2 | 96\％ 6 | E5．2 |
|  | Pottery | 2 | 86.6 | 96.0 | $36_{0}$ | $96: 3$ | 90.0 |
|  | Coel | 13 | 94.4 | 91.3 | 940． | 93.6 | 93.1 |
|  | Coke | 5 | 111.0 | 121.0 | 111．2 | 110， 8 | 110．8 |
|  | Manufactured Gas | 3 | 102．0 | 102．0 | 10200 | 1いて． 0 | 102.0 |
|  | Coal Tar | 1 | 94.7 | 94.7 | 34.7 | 54.7 | 94.7 |
|  | Glass and Its Products | 6 | 79.1 | 「7． 3 | 84． 3 | Fisi | 74.1 |
|  | Petroleum Products | 6 | 72.2 | 72.3 | 68.2 | $6 ? \% 7$ | 68.6 |
|  | Asphalt | 2 | 92.2 | S2， 3 | 92， 2 | 92．2 | 92.2 |
|  | Salt | 4 | 79.4 | 5\％．7 | $9 \%$ \％ | 116.6 | 116.6 |
|  | Sulphum | 1 | 96.5 | 98．7 | 91.8 | 91.7 | 91.6 |
|  | Plastor | 3 | 11．3．3 | ij2．0 | 109.3 | 109.3 | 209.3 |
|  | Lime | 4 | 104．2 | 200.3 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 101．2 |
|  | Cement | 1 | 102.4 | 99．2 | 98.7 | 06.7 | 96.17 |
|  | Sand and Grevel | 8 | 90.2 | 92．t | 81．9 | 34.9 | 81.9 |
|  | Crushed Stone | 3 | 85.8 | 85.3 | 73.9 | 76.7 | 56.7 |
|  | Buildins Stone | 3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | B4．${ }^{3}$ | 61.3 | 64.3 |
|  | Asbestos | 8 | 76.8 | 76.8 | 75.8 | 11.3 | T／？ 9 |
| VIII． | Chemicais and Allied Products | 77 | 79.9 | 730.1 | 17.3 | 11．$\%$ | 77.6 |
|  | Inorganic Comicols | 22 | 87.2 | 87.3 | 85.3 | 24．8 | 84.8 |
|  | Organic Uhomicals | 6 | 75.5 | 7.4 .6 | 72 c | 71.7 | 41.7 |
|  | Coal Tar Products | 2 | 93， 1 | 52.3 | 92.2 | 92．2 | 92.2 |
|  | Dyeins and Tanning Materials | 10 | $104 . ?$ | $104 \% 0$ | 10\％．0 | 105：0 0 | 104：0 |
|  | Explosives | 2 | 74.7 | 74.7 | ＊4．7 | \％\％\％ | 74.7 |
|  | Paint Materials | 9 | 70.2 | 68,5 | 68.2 | 68， 1 | ¢ 7.3 |
|  | Paiuts Prepared | 2 | 71.2 | 58.1 | 58.4 | 68.4 | 68.4 |
|  | Druss aind Pharmaceutical Chemicals | 10 | 71.8 | 174．08 | Y0．9 | 21.6 | 71.05 32.9 |
|  | Fertilizers | 10 | 78.9 | 80.9 | ย2．9 | 82.9 | 82.9 |
|  | Industrial Gases | 2 | 91.5 | ¢5，${ }^{51}$ | 89.3 85.0 | 80.0 |  |
|  | Soap | 2 | 91.9 | 91.0 | 85.0 | 83.0 | 83.0 |

## IRNEX NUBERS OP CONOOITHS

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

|  | Commodities | Price <br> Series | Yearly <br> Average: $1938$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : 19 y \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ | Junc <br> 1939 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CONSUMERS' GOODS (GROUPS A \& B) | 236 | 77.2 | 77.7 | 73.9 | 73.7 | 73.4 |
| A. | Foods, Beverages and Tobacco | 126 | 77.1 | 78.9 | 72.2 | 71.9 | 71.5 |
|  | Beverages | 9 | 78.2 | 77.0 | 77,8 | 77.8 | 77.5 |
|  | Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 80.4 | 81.4 | 63.2 | 59.6 | 56.7 |
|  | Bakery Proutuets | 2 | 91.4 | 94.2 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 84.4 |
|  | Fish | 16 | 71.9 | 68.3 | 71.5 | 69.1 | 67.8 |
|  | Fruits | 15 | 70.3 | 73.4 | 69.0 | $7 \% .5$ | 78.1 |
|  | Meats and Pcultry | 10 | 79.2 | 89.1 | 79.0 | 79.0 | 77.9 |
|  | Milk and Milis Products | 12 | 78.4 | 74.8 | 69.4 | 63.2 | 69.4 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products | 8 | 84.1 | 82.7 | 87.5 | 87.5 | 87.3 |
|  | Vege tables | 13 | 51.5 | 57.9 | 67.5 | 69.7 | 71.1 |
|  | Egg | 3 | 67.5 | 58.8 | 52,0 | 50.2 | 53.0 |
|  | Tobacco | 8 | 51.3 | 52.5 | 45.5 | 45.5 | 45.5 |
|  | Miscelleneous | 18 | 65.2 | 66.1 | 57.8 | 58.6 | 57.9 |
| B. | Other Consumess' Goods | 110 | 77.2 | 76.9 | 30.1 | 74.9 | 74.7 |
|  | Clothing, Buots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear Howsemold pocrpment and supplics | $52$ | 74.2 | 73.8 70.8 | 70.3 $7 \% 2$ | 72.3 8.8 | 72.4 76.5 |
|  | Sousohola Bqexpment and Supplics | 58 | 79.1 | 79.8 | 7\%, 2 | 46.8 | 76.5 |
| II. PRODUCERS' GOQDi (GROUPS C \& D) |  | 402 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 09.0 | 83.1 | 66.7 |
|  | Producers: Equipment | 24 | 95.1 | 95.5 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 95.0 |
|  | Tools <br> Light, Feat and Power Equipment | 3 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 9 I .3 | 91.3 | 91.3 |
|  | and Sinpplies | 17 | 95.7 | 96.1 | 95.4 | 35.4 | 95.5 |
|  | Explosives | $2$ | 74.7 | 74.7 | 「4.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 2 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.7 | 95.7 | 95.7 |
|  | Producers' Materials | 378 | 73.7 | 73.6 | 65.1 | 65.1 | 63.5 |
|  | Building and Construction Materials | 111 | 89.1 | 87.4 | 88.0 | 88.5 | 88.6 |
|  | Lunbsi | 33 | 89.8 | 88.4 | 91.0 | 92.1 | 92.3 |
|  | Paint Materials | 13 | 69.6 | 66.6 | 66.4 | 65.3 | 66.0 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 65 | 93.3 | 91.6 | 90.6 | 90.5 | 90.6 |
|  | Manulacturare: Materials | 257 | 71.1 | 71.3 | 62.4 | 61.1 | 59.2 |
|  | Texulies and Clothing | E4 | 65.3 | 65.1 | 63.7 | 63.9 | 63.8 |
|  | Furs and Leather Goods | 24 | 71.2 | 66.2 | 69.7 | 63.3 | 68.8 |
|  | For Metal Working Industries | 41 | 76.9 | 76.0 | 74,9 | 75.0 | 74.5 |
|  | For Chemical Using Industries | 43 | 88.6 | 88.8 | 86.9 | 86.2 | 86.1 |
|  | For Neat Packing Industrles | 4 | 82.0 | 94.9 | $8 ¢, 4$ | 85.5 | 84.6 |
|  | For Milling and Other Industries Misceilaneous Froducers? | 23 | 68.1 | 67.5 | 46.9 | 43.9 | 39.1 |
|  | Nateria? | 68 | 69.2 | 65.2 | 63.7 | 62.7 | 61.8 |


| Commodity |  | Average |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | $x$ Canadian Funds.

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INDEX NUMBERS 1938 AND 1939 (1926-100)











## INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL FRICES, RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES IN CANADA, JULY, 1939.

(Calculations based on prices for the first of each month)
The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services on the base $1926=100$ rose from 82.9 in June to 83.1 in July, a moderate decline in the fuel group being more than offset by higher food prices.

An index for retail prices alone including such commodities as foods, coal, coke, household requirements, etc., advanced from 77.1 to 77.5. When foods were removed from this index it remained unchanged at 79.8.

An index for 46 food items moved up from 74.3 to 75.1 , higher prices for eggs, butter, cheese, potatoes and pepper, being of more consequence than declines for lard, milk, tea and most meats. Between June and July Grade "A" eggs advanced from $25.5 \phi$ to $27.2 \phi$ per dozen, while an average of Grade "B" and Grade "C" eggs was $22.4 \phi$ in July as compared with $21.3 \phi$ for the previous month. Creamery butter rose from $25.5 \phi$ to $26.2 \phi$, and dairy butter from $22.4 \phi$ to $22.8 \phi$ per pound. Cheese at $21.4 \phi$ per pound was fractionally higher. Potatoes advanced from $29.5 \phi$ to $34.5 \phi$ per peck and pepper from $34.6 \phi$ to $35.3 \phi$ per pound. Meat prices declined as follows: Shoulder beef from $16.0 \phi$ to $15.9 \%$, mutton from $24.6 \phi$ to $23.7 \phi$, fresh pork from $23.8 \phi$ to $23.6 \phi$, selt pork from $21.2 \phi$ to $21.0 \phi$ and ham from $56.4 \phi$ to $56.2 \phi$ per pound. Milk prices fell from $11.1 \phi$ to $10.9 \notin$ per quart. Tea was down from $58.6 \not \subset$ to $57.9 \phi$ and lard fram $11.9 \phi$ to $11.6 \phi$ per pound.

Moderate decreases in prices of coal and coke resulted in a change in the fuel index from 84.3 to 83.9. Declines in these two sub-groups were as follows: Coal from 85.5 to 85.0 and coke from 81.7 to 81.0 .

The sundries group remained unchanged at 94.1 , despite a slight recession in the hardware sub-index from 85.2 to 85.1.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RFNTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-JULY, 1939 (1926=100)

|  |  | (1926=100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | : | : | : | : | : | : | Retall | : Retail$:$ Prices: Index: (Fuel,$:$ Clothing,: House-: hold: Require-: ments,: etc.) |
|  |  | : | : | : | ; | : |  | Prices |  |
|  |  | : | : | : | : | : Cloth | Sun- | Index |  |
|  |  | : Total | : Food | : Fuel | : Rent | : ing | dries | (Foods, |  |
|  |  | : Index | : Index | : Index | : Index | : Index | Index: | Fuel, |  |
|  |  | : | : | : | : | - |  | Clothing, |  |
|  |  | : |  | : | : | : |  | Fousehold |  |
|  |  | : |  | : | : | : |  | Require- |  |
|  |  | : |  | : | : | : |  | ments, |  |
|  |  |  |  | - | - 4 | : 63 |  |  |  |
| 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 |  | 98.9 | 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 | 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 | 80.6 |
|  | December.. | 83.6 | 76.2 | 85.6 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.2 | 78.3 | 80.3 |
| 1939 | January ... | 83.3 | 75.2 | 85.7 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.2 | 77.8 | 80.3 |
|  | February . . | 83.1 | 74.5 | 85.4 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.2 | 77.5 | 80.3 |
|  | March | 83.1 | 74.5 | 85.3 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.1 | 77.4 | 80.2 |
|  | April ..... | 83.1 | 74.5 | 85.1 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.3 | 77.4 | 80.2 |
|  | May . . . . . . | 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 |
|  | July ...... | 83.1 | 75.1 | 83.9 | 90.0 | 72.6 | 94.1 | 77.5 | 79.8 |

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 one or two months late:



## INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

Following a June decline Canadian comon stock daily price averages for industrial, utility and bank stocks moved upward on light trading during July. The general index for 95 stocks mounted from 92.8 on June 30 to 98.4 on July 31. Industrials advanced 11.2 points to 161.5 , utilities 1.1 to 42.8 and banks 0.5 to 85.2 . All sections of the composite index registered net advances ranging from 0.6 p.c. for banks to over 18 p.c. for pulp and paper. Other groups in which strength was most apparent were textiles and clothing, industrial mines, machinery and equipment, oils, building materials, beverages and transportation. The Investors' monthly average index was 97.3 in July as compared with 97.0 in the preceding month. Industrials were up 1.6 to 159.2 and banks remained unchanged at 85.0 . Monthly average indexes for all divisions of utilities showed recessions and the utility index dropped from 43.7 in June to 42.7 in July.

## MINING STOCK PRICES

A quieter situation in Europe favoured security markets during July and the Bureau's price index of twenty-five canadian mining issues registered a substantial net gain, rising 9.4 points to 158.4 on July 31. This advance was based on light trading and although interest was divided between golds and base metals, the latter drew most attention. The base metals, supported by higher copper quotations and by active export interest, accounted for over two-thirds of the general advance. The index for this group mounted from 296.0 on the final day of June to 324.2 on July 31 , closing the month at the highest level for the present year. Progress in the gold section was more evident in the first two weeks than in the remainder of the month. The daily gold index moved from 113.5 on June 30 to 118.4 for the final day in July, 4.1 points of this rise being recorded in the first fortnight of July. Appearing below is a table of average prices for the weaks of August 3 and June 29, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

| Gotids |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Aus. 3 | June 29 |  | Aug. 3 | June 29 |
|  | \$ | \% |  | \$ | \$ |
| Beattie | 1.21 | 1.24 | Little Long Lac | 3.06 | 2.88 |
| Bralorne | 11.91 | 11.91 | Macassa ... | 4.76 | 4.53 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 10.87 | 12.04 | McIntyre | 58.12 | 57.21 |
| Central Patricia | 2.49 | 2.41 | Pickle Crow | 4.71 | 4.60 |
| Dome | 32.83 | 32.96 | Pioneer | 2.43 | 2.49 |
| God's Lake | . 40 | . 34 | Reno | . 48 | . 51 |
| Hollinger | 15.27 | 14.94 | San Antonio | 1.95 | 1.70 |
| Howey ... | . 34 | . 33 | Siscoe | 1.18 | 1.16 |
| Kirkland Lake | 1.51 | 1.49 | Sylvanite | 3.38 | 3.35 |
| Lake Shore | 41.79 | 38.81 | Teck-Eughes | 4.23 | 4.19 |
| Lamaque Gold Mines | 7.08 | 6.50 | Wright-Hargreaves | 8.14 | 8.13 |
| BASE METALS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge | 5.59 | 5.20 | Noranda | 82.73 | 77.37 |
| Hudson Bay . | 34.25 | 32.27 |  |  |  |
|  |  | PREFFER | S STOCKS |  |  |

The rising trend of the Bureau's monthly price index for twenty-five preferred stocks noticeable since May last, continued in July when the index advanced 1.1 points to 83,0 . There was also an expansion in trading, transfers for the month totalling 26,315 shares as compared with 22,538 in June. In point of activity the Paper group led the list. Abitibi showed a turnover of 6,980 shares or more than one-quarter of the month's aggregate and shares of St.Lawrence Corporation $A$ sold amounted to 1,795. Abitibi clrsed the month $\$ 11 / 8$ up at $\$ 53 / 4$ after touching $\$ 71 / 8$ on the 24 th while St. Lawrence closed at $\$ 11$ for a gain of $\$ 21 / 2$. The Machinery and Equipment group also exhibited strength. Massey-Harris with 4,357 sales finished $\$ 7$ higher at $\$ 46$ after reaching a peak of $\$ 49$. Canadian Car and Foundry was down $\$ 1 / 2$ to $\$ 2 \theta 1 / 2$. Other active leaders were Dominion Coal, Canadian Canners and Walkers. The Textile group continued upward, Dominion Textile and Canadian Cottons registering new 1939 highs, the former at 158.1 , up $\$ 2.1$ above last month and the latter at $\$ 104.6$ for a gain of $\$ 1.2$. Canadian Celanese was more active than these latter and gained $\$ 5$ over the opening price of $\$ 105$ but dropped $\$ .2$ from last month's average. Other 1939 highs were: Moore A, up $\$ 7$ during the month to $\$ 179$, Dominion Tar and Chemical $\$ 85$, Simpson's $\$ 92.8$, Walkers $\$ 20.2$ and Toronto Elevators $\$ 44.1$.

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

| 1929 | $10 \frac{\mathrm{Jan}}{7.4}$ | $10 \frac{\mathrm{~F} \in \mathrm{~b} .}{8.1}$ | $10 \frac{\mathrm{Mar}}{6.8}$ | $\frac{\mathrm{ApF}}{104.3}$ | $\frac{\text { May }}{104.3}$ | $\frac{\text { June }}{104.8}$ | $\frac{\text { July }}{104.8}$ | $\frac{\text { Aug. }_{0}^{105.6}}{}$ | $\frac{\text { Sept. }}{105.1}$ | $\frac{\text { oct. }}{102.9}$ | Nov. 99.8 | $\frac{\text { Dec. }}{100.4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 33 | 49.6 | 49.6 | 47.3 | 47.2 | 54.6 | 58.5 | 61.9 | 61.7 | 61.0 | 59.7 | 59.1 | 60. |
| 1937 | 99.2 | 100.4 | 102.6 | 103.1 | 100.2 | 99.3 | 99.4 | 101.5 | 91.0 | 82.2 | 82.0 | 81. |
| 1938 | 83.4 | 82.1 | 77.5 | 78.2 | 80.1 | 81.8 | 87.2 | 86.8 | 81.3 | 88.0 | 87.5 |  |
| 1939 | 85.0 | 84.4 | 83.9 | 78.9 | 79.0 | 81.9 | 83.0 |  |  |  |  |  |



INDEX NMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS (1926=100)


[^1]
## WEEKLY AVERNGE PRICES OF 25 MINING STOCKS

MAY-JULY, 1939


Dominion of Canada long-term bond values averaged slightly lower in July, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index stood at ll7.9, as compared with 118.0 for June. The reaction, which set in at the end of the preceding month, continued into the first week of July, as uneasiness over international affairs continued to influence security markets, but a following recovery raised levels to almost their former heighte. Interest was not sustained, however, and values fell off somewhat in the latter part of the month. The Bureau's daily index at 11707 for July 31 was on a par with that for June 30, but 0.4 below the month's high. Provincials wers featureless,with price movements narrow and mixed. British Consols moved l' 4 lower to $663 / 4$, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds rose from 88.34 to 90.37 . The monthly index for Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields was unchanged at 60.1, and the average yield of the issues included in this index stood at 2.92. Based upon information received from Messrs. Wood, Gundy \& Company, Limited, the index for representative Province of Ontario bond yielde remained at 65.8 , with an average yield of 3.15 .

MONTHLY 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 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 | 118.8 | 117.0 |
| June | 105.4 | 94.6 | 104.9 | 110.4 | 114.2 | 217.0 | 114.9 | 118.1 | 118.0 |
| July | 105.3 | 97.0 | 104.8 | 111.1 | 114.5 | 118.0 | 115.1 | 117.6 | 117.9 |
| August | 105.3 | 101.0 | 105.6 | 112.3 | 114.8 | 119.1 | 115.5 | 117.6 | - |
| September | 102.1 | 101.8 | 105.7 | 112.6 | 110.9 | 119.1 | 115.3 | 116.0 | - |
| Oct ober | 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 | - |
| December | 95.5 | 101.2 | 103.6 | 115.2 | 112.5 | 118.2 | 115.6 | 117. |  |

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|  | 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 | 60.1 |
| 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 | 111.7 | 99.4 | 95.1 | 71.3 | 75.5 | 64.1 | 67.4 | 61.8 | - |

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[^2]NOT: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada

|  | New <br> York <br> Funds | London Sterling | France <br> Franc | $\begin{gathered} \text { Belgium } \\ \text { Belga } \end{gathered}$ | Italy Lira | Switzerland Franc | Nether - <br> lands <br> Florin | Norway Krone |  | Sweden Krona | Denmark Krone |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 938 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |  | \$ | \$ |
| culy | 1.0054 | 4.9562 | . 0278 | .1701 | . 0529 | . 2301 | . 5533 | . 2490 |  | . 2554 | -2212 |
| August .................... | 1.0034 | 4.8970 | . 0274 | . 1692 | .0528 | . 2296 | - 5478 | - 2460 |  | - 2524 | - 2186 |
| September ............... | 1.0062 | 4.8335 | . 0271 | . 1698 | . 0529 | - 2275 | - 5428 | -2429 |  | -2491 | - 2157 |
| October ....s.............. | 1.0093 | 4.8120 | . 0269 | -1706 | .0531 | - 2293 | - 5489 | . 2418 |  | - 2479 | - 2148 |
| November | 1.0072 | 4.7413 | . 0265 | -1703 | .0530 | - 2282 | - 5473 | - 2383 |  | -2445 | -2117 |
| Fecember | 1.0092 | 4.7133 | . 0266 | . 1700 | . 0531 | -2283 | . 5486 | - 2368 |  | -2428 | - 2104 |
| 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .................... | 1.0079 | 4.7060 | . 0266 | . 1703 | . 0530 | -2276 | - 5462 | -2364 |  | -2423 | . 2100 |
| February ...u............. | 1.0049 | 4.7086 | . 0266 | -1694 | . 0529 | -2279 | - 5388 | - 2366 |  | - 2425 | - 2102 |
| lierch. | 1.0041 | 4.7044 | -0266 | -1689 | -0528 | - 2271 | . 5331 | . 2364 |  | - 2423 | -2100 |
| April ...................... | 1.0050 | 4.7038 | . 0256 | -1692 | . 0529 | -2254 | - 5341 | - 2363 |  | -2423 | - 2100 |
|  | 1.0036 | 4.6931 | . 0266 | .1708 | .0528 | - 2256 | -5379 | - 2360 |  | - 2420 | - 2097 |
| June ....................0. | 1.0021 | 4.6923 | . 0265 | . 1744 | .0527 | -2259 | - 5328 | - 2358 |  | -2416 | - 2094 |
| July | 1.0015 | 4.6885 | 20265 | $\bigcirc 1702$ | . 0527 | -2258 | -5335 | 2355 |  | -2415 | 2093 |
|  | Spain <br> Pezeta | CzechoSlovakia Koruna | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Argentine } \\ & \text { Peso } \\ & \text { (Paper) } \\ & \text { Unonfictal } \end{aligned}$ | Austra - <br> lia <br> Pound | Brazil Milreis | Germany Reichsmark | India <br> Rupee | China <br> (Shanghai) <br> Dollar | Ja pan <br> Yen | Union of SoAfrica Pound | New <br> Zealand <br> Pound |
| 1938 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | § | \$ | \$ | - | \$ |
| July .................... | 0569 | . 0348 | - 2610 | 3.9638 | . 0588 | -4040 | . 3695 | .1834 | - 2887 | $4=5500$ | 3.9969 |
| August ........................ | . 0577 | - 0345 | - 2586 | 3.9176 | . 0535 | . 4023 | - 3652 | . 1670 | - 2851 | 4.8909 | 3.9491 |
| September ....en........... | . 0525 | . 0347 | . 2546 | 3.8670 | . 0589 | - 4021 | - 3605 | . 1730 | - 2818 | 4 4 8275 | 3.8981 |
| 0ctober ............................................. | . 0514 | . 0347 | -2542 | 3.8509 | . 0590 | . 4042 | - 3594 | -1622 | . 2806 | 4.8076 | 3.8820 |
| November | . 0509 | - 0345 | - 2369 | 3.7931 | . 0590 | . 4033 | -3541 | . 1595 | - 2762 | 4.7333 | 3:8106 |
| Lecember $1939$ | . 0504 | . 0345 | - 2297 | 3.7707 | . 0592 | . 4045 | -3519 | . 1629 | . 2747 | 4.7075 | 3.7878 |
| January . .................. | . 0465 | -0345 | . 2311 | 3.7647 | . 0591 | . 4038 | - 3514 | . 1640 | - 2742 | 4.7001 | 3.7798 |
| February .................. | - | . 0344 | . 2311 | 3.7665 | . 0589 | . 4032 | . 3519 | . 1596 | -2744 | 4.7027 | 3.7820 |
| March ................... | - | . 0343 | - 2316 | 3.7636 | . 0589 | . 4026 | - 3520 | . 1609 | -2742 | 4.6986 | 3.7787 |
| April ..................... | - | - | - 2323 | 3.7631 | . 0588 | . 4028 | . 3514 | . 1612 | . 2742 | 4.6924 | 3.7782 |
| Mray . . . . . ................... | -1105 | - | - 2323 | 3.7585 | . 0571 | . 4026 | . 3505 | . 1605 | -2738 | 4.6863 | 3.7736 |
| June ....................... | . 1104 | - | . 2326 | 3.7539 | x. 0511 | . 4019 | . 3500 | . 1349 | . 2734 | 4.6806 | 3.7689 |
| July $-\cdots \cdot \cdots \cdot{ }^{\text {............ }}$ | .1104 | - | . 2320 | 3.7508 | x .0506 | . 4018 | . 3496 | .1074 | . 2733 | 4.6768 | 3.7659 |

[^3]MONFIY INDEXES OF MMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1935-1939
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| Januery | 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 |
| Apre11 | 81.9 | 95.9 | 24.8 | 80.0 |
| May | 83.1 | 97.0 | 25.0 | 82.4 |
| June | 86.0 | 100.5 | 25.9 | 84.7 |
| July - 1st weok | 82.8 | 96.7 | 24.4 | 81.9 |


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[^1]:    \% Veorly figures.

[^2]:    x Based upon average of daily figures for the week ending on dates specified.

[^3]:    x Unofficial.

