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## PRICE MOVEMENTS, NOVEMBER, 1941

YHOLESALE: The average level of wholesale prices remained almost stationary during Fovember. The month-end index of 93.9 for the composite weekly series of 567 commodity prices compared with 93.7 at the close of October, and a mid-month high of 94.0. Group net changes were small, vegetable products with an advance of 0.3 points to 80.1 showing the greatest movement. Accounting for the increase in this section were gains for grains, potatces and onions which more than offset a sharp drop for fresh fruits. Anfmal products eased fractionally due to lnwer prices for eggs, fresh meats and oils and fats. These outweighed advances for fish, milk and butter. Another sharp advance for export hemlock lumber moved the wood, wood products and paper group 0.1 to 98.4 . In the industrial materials series an increase of 0.2 to 91.0 was recorded for the composite inder of 30 commodities between the weeks of October 31 and November 28. Higher quotations for wheat, raw cotton and rosin in the indez of 18 sensitive commodities were largely responsible for the advance, the stable group of 12 commodities being unchanged at 110.6. For Canadian farm products the weekiy index closed 0.9 points higher in November at 74.3, reflecting increases for grains, potatoes and onions in the field products section. These more than offset a minor reaction in animal products due to lower prices for eggs. COST OF IIVING: (Warime increase 15.4 per cent - from 100.8 to 116.3) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of.. Iiving index advanced from 115.5 on October 1, 1941 to 116.3 on November l: 1941. This index which has been specified as the basis for calculating cost-of-living bonus adjustments under Order--in-Council P.C. 8253 has increased 15.4 per cent between August 1939 and November 1941. The November increase was due mainly to the food index which mounted from 123.2 to 125.4 between October 1 and November 1. Sharp increases for eggs, and lesser ones for fruits and vegetables were chiefly responsible for this change, From October 1 to November 1 the following increases were recorded in other eroup indexes: fuel and light 112.1 to 112.7 , clothing 119.6 to 120.0 , home furnishings and services 117.3 to 117.9, and miscellaneous 106.5 to 106.7.
SECURITIES: A continuation of the irrogularly easier tendency which was discernible in October security price levels lowexed the Investorsi composite index for 95 common stocks from 68, 9 on October 30 to 68.5 on November 27 . Both the industrial and utility section indexes declined with the latter showing relatively greater weakness. Bank stocks closed higher at 91.8 against 90.9 at the end of October. In the industrial section most of the 3.088 was accounted for by a drop of 3.1 points to 68.1 in the industrial mines group which more than offset a firmer price tone for texibile and clothing stocks, beverages and milling issues. In the utility section a drop of 2.0 points to 64,0 for transportation issues was largely responsible for the section decline, although both telephone and telegraph and power and traction, the other constituents also were fractionally lower. As in October mining stock prices continued to show greater than average declines. Finishing at a low for the year of 64.2 on November 27 , the composite index for 25 mining issues showed a lost of 2,6 points for the month. Golds were weakest with a decline of 2.9 points to 54.3 , while base metals were off 2.1 at 83.8 . Further strength for Dominion of Canada long-tern bonds advanced the weekly index from 101, 6 at the end of October to 102.2 for the week ending November 27. The corresponding yield index eased from 94.7 to 93.3 in the same interval.

> SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXFS

## (1926=100 for Wholesale Prices)

( $3935-39=100$ for Cost of Iiving and Security Prices)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov。 } \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ | November, 1941 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 6 th | 13 th | 20 th | 27 th |
| WHOLESALE - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General - 56 \% Price Series | 83.9 | 93.8 | 94.0 | 94.0 | 93.9 | 93.9 |
| Industrial Materials | 79.8 | 91.3 | 90.9 | 91.2 | 91.1 | 91.0 |
| Canadian Farm Products | 66.9 | 74.1 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 73.7 | 74.3 |
| COST OF LIVIVG - (1st of month) | 107.8 | 115.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Investors Price Index(95 common stocks) | 74.5 | 69.1 | 69.2 | 68.6 | 68.7 | 68.5 |
| 68 Industrials | 71.3 | 65.5 | 65.9 | 65.0 | 65.2 | 65.2 |
| 19 Utilities | 78.2 | 72.5 | 71.7 | 71.5 | 71.1 | 70.2 |
| Mining Stock Price Index ( 25 stocks) | 82.4 | 69.7 | 65.7 | 64.7 | 65.4 | 64.2 |
| 22 Golds .......................... | 76.3 | 60.8 | 55.5 | 54.3 | 55.5 | 54.3 |
| 3 Base Metals | 94.5 | 8\%.4 | 85.8 | 85.2 | 85.1 | 83.8 |
| Dominion of Cariada Long-Term Bonds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Price Index | 100.1 | 101. 4 | 101.8 | 101.9 | 102.1 | 102.2 |
| Yield Index | 98.0 | 94.9 | 94.1 | 93.5 | 93.3 | 93.3 |
| FOREI GN EXCHANGE GUOTATIONS - noon rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. (Bank of Canada) at Montreal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U. S. Dollars ( $x$ ) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . dollars | 1.105 | 1.105 4.450 | ${ }_{4 .}^{1.105}$ | 1.105 4.450 | 1.105 4.450 | 1.450 |

FWeek onds Friday instead of Thursday. ( $x$ ) Average of daily buying and selling rates set by the Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board since September 18, 1939.

# - $2-$ <br> REVIEN OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS 

WHEAT AND OTFER GRAINS; Cash grains, with the exception of oats, showed strength in November. No. 1 Mainitoba northern wheat, Fort William and Port Arthur basis. was quoted $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per bushel higher at $745 / 8 \phi$ as the month closed, compared with $721 / 8 \phi$ on October 3.1. Ror lower grades of bread wheats corresponding advanceswert noted, No. 2 northern being up $2 \phi$ at $71 \frac{1}{4} \hat{\psi}$ per bushel, while No. 3 northern stiffened $17 / 8 \phi$ to $687 / 8 \phi$ per bushel. Announcement, was nade on IVovember 18 by the Minister of Trade and Commerce that the United Kingcem had contracted to purchase a further 120 million bushels of wheat in the form of futuius. This made a iotal. of 240 million bushels contractod for by the United Kingdom in 1941. Over the month exports of wheat to all destinations amounted to 23.2 million bushels as compared with 10.7 millions in October. Russia took about 1 miliion bushels of wheat rcsently but otherwise foreign demand has been slow.

In the southern hemisphere, crop conditions were little changed in November. For Argentina an official proliminary wheat outturn of 183.7 million bushels was estimated compared with a total of $2 \%$, 2 million bushels forthe previous crop year. For this geason's outturn the Argentine goverment acting through its Grain Board has again et a minimum buying price of 6.75 pesos per quintal, delivered at Buenos Alres (about 54.7 7 per bushel. U.S. funds). At the same time futures trading in wheat, flaxseed and sunflower seed was discontinwod. The Australian wheat crop was officially estimated at l66.1 million buishels whicts would be about average, and more than double last season's extremely short harvest of 8 ? million bushels.

In the donestic coarse grains section, higher prices were noted for barley, rye and flar while oats moved down moderately. For the month No. 1 feed barley showed an advance of $3 \frac{1}{2} \phi$ to $54 \frac{2}{4}$, per bushel, while rye No. 2 C . W. gained $2 \frac{1}{4} \phi$ to $57 \frac{3}{4} \phi$ and flex No. 1 C.W. was up 6 , at $\$ 1.51 \frac{2}{4}$ per bushel。 Oats No. 2 C.W. declined $1 \frac{1}{4} \phi$ to $447 / 8 \phi$ per bushel during the seme interval. More than 17 million bushels of malting barley were sold to United States and Mexican mal tsters during the month, while reports were that some flax and rye alsc had been shipped. Canadian maltsters took quantities of barley too, while flex was in demand by cmishers.

|  | 1940 | 1941 | 1941 |
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| Descripiticn (Basis cash oer bushol | lovember | October | November |
| Ft. Willian and Pt.Arthur) | ¢ | ¢ | ¢ |
| No. 1 Manitoba Norticen wheat | 71.8 | 73.7 | 73.2 |
| No. 2 Canada Western oats | 35.1 | 47.3 | 44.4 |
| No. 2 Canada Western rye | 46.1 | 56.7 | 57.1 |
| Nu. 1 feed barley | 44.1 | 52.9 | 52.9 |
| No. 1 Cansda Western Slax | 128.2 | 151.0 | 149.9 |

FLOUR ANIS OTIER MILEFD PRODUCTS: Despite moderately higher grain prices domestic spring wheat fiour quotations remained unchanged during November at levels which have obtained since the early part of October. At Toronto first patent flour, carlots, held at $\$ 5.05$ per barrel of 2.98 s cotton while quotations for 2 similar grade at Winnipeg held at $\$ \bar{E}_{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{l}, 0$ per barrel. Prices for Ontarlo winter wheat flour, carlots, Montreal rato points, after advancing $30 \phi$ to a mid-month $01 \$ 5.70$ per barrel subsequently declined to close as $\$ 5.50$ for a net gain of $10 \phi$. Demand for this type of flour has, however, practically ceased due to its high price level in relation to spring wheat flour. Domestic demarid for the latter in November was about avorage for this season of the year while exporis showed improvement towards the close of the month with some new orders being placed by the Cercal Import Committee (British Government buying agency). Through inability to secure the necessary freight space a Russian contract to take 5,500 tons of Canadian flour for chipment through Vladivostok had to be cancelled temporarily. Anong other milled producis a steady price tone prevailed except for cornmeal which dropped $20 \phi$ to $\$ 3.10$ per $98-1 b$. sack, $f, 0, b$. Montreal. Rolled oats and oatmeal in 25-bag lots at Toronto were stea0.y at $\$ 3.25$ per $80-1 b$. sack for the former and $\$ 3.90$ per $98-1 \mathrm{~b}$. bag for the latier, although weather reduced demand somewhat. With plentiful supplies on hand millfecd prices were unchenged at $\$ 28.50$ per ton for bran and $\$ 29.50$ for shorts at Ontario and Montreal lake and rail points. The government freight subsidy of approximately $\$ 4.50$ per torl applicable on western millfeeds consumed in the east induced little increased purchasing.

| Description | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flour No.l pateni, per bairelis, foo.b. |  |  |  |
| Ontario and Montreal iake and rail pointso. | 5.55 | 5.05 | 5.05 |
| Rolled Oets, Toronio per 80-1b. bag ...... | 2.41 | 3.29 | 3.25 |
| Bran carlots, foo.b. Ontario lake and rail points | 26.00 | 28.50 | 28.50 |

markets weakened during the first part of the month under heavy runs of inferior quality and light exports to the United States. At Toronto, the heaviest run for the year to date occurred during the week of November 6, and good steers up to 1050 pounds fell $6 \phi$ to $\$ 8.65$ per cwt., then continued downward to $\$ 8.60$ by the week of the 20th. Later, the market recovered on sharply reduced offerings, and prices rose to $\$ 8.64$ per cwt . by the close of the month. Winnipeg held firmer at first and good steers up to 1050 pounds rose $26 \$$ to $\$ 8.26$ per cwt. between the weeks of November 7 and 21 and then dropped $5 \$$ per cwt. during the last week. Shipments of cattle to plants and yards totalled 131,067 head in November compared with 146,993 head in October and 123,596 head in November 1940. An index of calf prices fell from 118.8 to 117.4 between October and November while hogs advanced from 83.6 to 83.8 . Lamb markets were variable, prices rising ll $\phi$ at Montreal but dropping $5 \phi$ and $7 \phi$ per cwt, at Toronto and Winnipeg respectively.

|  |  | 1940 | 1941 | 1941 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description |  | November | October | November |
| Steers, good, up to 1050 pounds | per cwt. at | \$ | \$ | \$ |
|  | Toronto | 8.07 | 8.81 | 8.63 |
|  | Winntpeg ..... | 7.12 | 8.08 | 8.09 |
| Calver, good veal, per cwt.at | Toronto | 10.42 | 12.85 | 12.66 |
|  | Winnipeg ..... | 8.33 | 10.75 | 10.68 |
| Lambs, good handyweighi. |  |  |  |  |
| per cwt.at | Toronto ...... | 9.50 ) | 11.38 | 11.33 |
|  | Winnipeg ..... | 7.942 | 9.50 | 9.43 |
| Hogs Bl dressed, per ©wiont | Toronto (A) .. | 8.31 | 14.78 | 14.78 |
|  | Winnipeg (A).. | 7.79 | 13.69 | 13.75 |

## (A) Bacon hogs live welght. Estimated at about $75 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. of dressed weight.

BUTTTER; First-grade creamery butter at six representative Canadian cities averaged $34.5 \phi$ per pound in November compared with $33.6 \phi$ in October. Gains ranged from $4 / 5 \phi$ at Montreal to $1 \frac{1}{3} \phi$ per pound at Vancouver. Trade during the month was reported dull but demand for immediate requirements was sufficient to keep the itght offerings moving. Diversion of greater quantities of milk to cheese-making followed the setting of meximum prices of cheese, and production of butter at $14,985,000$ pounds in November was about the same as the October output. For December 1, the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported storage stocks at $53,512,000$ pounds about $10,600,000$ greater than holdings on November 1. Domestic distribution during the month at $25,868,000$ pounds was about 2,416,000 pounds less than in October.

Descriotion

| First grade creamery butter, per pound, | $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| at Montreal $\ldots .$. | 31.2 | 34.3 | 35.2 |  |
|  | Toronto $\ldots .$. | 31.3 | 34.2 | 35.2 |

BGGS: Prices of eggs to the retail trade at eight representative Canadian cities averaged about 8 p.c. higher in November than in October despite a 14 p.c. drop between opening and closing quotations. During the week of November 7, advances were fairly common and approximated $2 \phi$ per dozen for $A^{\prime} s$ in Ontario and western Canada. Recelpts began to increase but good demand and scarcity in some areas together with the absence of storage supplies for domestic use, strengthened markets. As offerings continued to increase, eastern markets weakened and then broke sharply during the third week. Grade A large at Montreal were quoted at $46 \phi$ per dozen, $8 \phi$ below the previous week and $12 \phi$ under opening lovels. At Toronto, prices dropped lli $\phi$ between the weeke of November 7 and 21. Western markets followed this lead but declines were less severe, Calgary showing a loss of $5 \phi$ and Vancouver $4 \phi$ per dozen. Despite active demand, prices still tended downward as the month closed. Cold storage stocks on December I were estimated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 953,600 dozen against a November Ist figure of 3,070,000 dozen.
(Seo dates above)

| Description |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Eggs, grade A large, per dozen at Montreal.. | 49.3 | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |  |
|  |  | 49.9 | 50.6 |  |
|  | Toronto.. | 45.5 | 49.0 | 47.8 |

RAW COTTON: Raw cotton upland middling, $15 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ staple, at New York reversed its downward tendency of the previous month to close 39 points higher at $17.46 \phi$ por pound. During the same period the Bureau's weekly index of raw cotton prices advanced 1.6 points to 114.5 for the week ended November 28 . In the United States a November lst cotton crop estimate of $11,020,000$ running bales was slightly below the October lst estimate of $11,061,000$ bales. According to reports the new crop continued to grade below the previous year's outturn and already a subnormal supply of better qualitios has occurred. For October, United States cotton consumption reached a new peak of 953,600 bales which if maintained would account for ebout $10,500,000$ bales, or only slightly less than this season's crop. October raw cotton consumption in Cansda also touched a new

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- peak of 52,664 bales against 44,787 bales in Octover 1940 . November, however, was expected to be below this figure. Continuance of the $3 \phi$ subsidy on United States cotton imported into Canada was announced from Washington.to be in effect until December 3rd at least. In addition some shipments of $15 / 16^{1 i}$ middiling continued to come in at the base price of $13 \frac{\pi}{4} \phi$ per pound (U.S. Iunds).



## (A) $7 / 3^{11}$

ITVAR AND TIMBFR: A representative list of lumber and timber prices used to calculate the Bureau's weekly wholesale index held unchanged for November with the exceptior of further sharo advances for eastern hemlock for export and another decline for cedar shingles. The to higher prices for both mill run and $2^{\prime \prime}$ culls the hemlock series advenced from an index level of 1.35 .5 for the week of November 14 th to 144.0 in the following waek. During the same period a further drop in the export price of cedar sijingles lowered the cedar group index 3.0 points to 153.0 . Other group indexes were steady at 3.26 .7 for pine; 121.4. for spruce; 120.5 for fir, and 104.8 for hardwoods. Logging operations continued very active and in British Columbia it was reported demand was so great that there were no unsold Douglas fir logs on the market while red cedar was almost in the same category. Although domestic rail trade continued strong over the month with defence orders predominating, lumber exports to the United States declined somewhat due to placement of a ceiling on lumber prices by United States authoriti es. Good quantities of lumber were still being cut for the United Kingdom market, though 3atterly there has been some competition from Russian shipments.


INDEX NUMBERS OF INUUSTRIAL MATHRLAL PRICES $(192 j=100)$

|  | No. of :Yearly : <br> - Price :Average: <br> : Series: 1940 |  |  |  | Oct. <br> 1941 | Nov. $1941$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES | 30 | 79.0 | 79.8 | 91.5 | 91.3 | 91.0 |
| Stable | 12 | 101.7 | 104.5 | 110.6 | 110.6 | 110.6 |
| Sensitive | 18 | 66.8 | 66.7 | 80.6 | 80.3 | 79.9 |
| Manufacturing | 13 | 65.9 | 66.0 | 80.5 | 80.6 | 80.4 |
| Food. | 5 | 66.5 | 68.6 | 80.8 | 79.6 | 78.4 |

SULMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN HHOLBSALE FRICE INDFX NUMBERS
( $1926=100$ )


|  | Commodity | No. of Prico Serios | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yaarly } \\ & \text { Average } \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Nov. : } \\ & : 1940 \text { : } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1943 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Oct. } \\ & : 1941 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Not. } \\ & 1911 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index | 567 | 82.9 | 84.0 | 93.2 | 93.8 | 94.0 |
| 1. | Vegetable Products | 135 | 72.1 | 70.9 | 79.0 | 80.2 | 80.1 |
|  | Fruits | 15 | 82.0 | 87.7 | 96.4 | 105.5 | 106.4 |
|  | Fresh | 4 | 84.8 | 92.9 | 100.8 | 110.6 | 111.8 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 79.1 | 77.3 | 83,7 | 92.9 | 93.1 |
|  | Canned | 6 | 67.9 | 66.9 | 82.4 | 87.6 | 87.6 |
|  | Grains | 23 | 55.7 | 52.9 | 56.9 | 56.9 | 56.2 |
|  | Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 74.4 | 73.7 | 76.1 | 77.1 | 76.8 |
|  | Bakery Products | 2 | 84.9 | 85.4 | 86.8 | 86.8 | 86.8 |
|  | Vegetable 0ils | 8 | 73.9 | 68.7 | 128.6 | 129.9 | 128.6 |
|  | Rubber and Ito Products | 9 | 69.1 | 72.0 | 75.6 | 75.8 | 75.7 |
|  | Sugar and Tts Products and Glucose | 8 | 101.3 | 103.8 | 120.3 | 120.3 | 120.3 |
|  | Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices | 15 | 88.5 | 87.9 | 117.5 | 126.0 | 125.9 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 65.3 | 54.2 | 65.9 | 68.3 | 70.8 |
| II. | Animals and Their Products | 76 | 79.1 | 82.1 | 100.1 | 101.1 | 101.8 |
|  | Tishery Producis | 16 | 82.8 | 86.8 | 98.2 | 100.7 | 105.5 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 58.8 | 57.0 | 95.6 | 95,6 | 95: |
|  | Hides and Skins | 6 | 93.7 | 103.9 | 111.1 | 115.7 | $117 . ?$ |
|  | Leather: Unmanufactured | 9 | 104.1 | 99.2 | 109.9 | 110,6 | 111.9 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 2 | 101.2 | 100.6 | 105.9 | 107.2 | 107.7 |
|  | Live Stock | 4 | 94.6 | 94.9 | 115.2 | 113.2 | 112.1 |
|  | Meats and Poultry | 10 | 79.9 | 78.6 | 101.6 | 101.4 | 99.8 |
|  | Mi. Ik and Its Products | 12 | 78.7 | 83.1 | 101.3 | 101.8 | 103,0 |
|  | Fats | 5 | 46.4 | 46.5 | 85.4 | 85, 1 | 80.1 |
|  | Etgs | 3 | 63.9 | 86.4 | 84.9 | 92.9 | 100.4 |
| III. | Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 83,8 | 84.0 | 96.7 | 97.1 | 96.7 |
|  | Cottcn, Raw | 2 | 69.6 | 70.2 | 119.0 | 114.7 | 113.9 |
|  | Cotton fabrics | 19 | 79.4 | 79.9 | 95.9 | 97.5 | 96.1 |
|  | Kntt Goods | 3 | 88.4 | 88.9 | 104.1 | 104.1 | 104.1 |
|  | Flax Hemp and Jute Products | 10 | 67.1 | 68.4 | 90,8 | 92.0 | 93.0 |
|  | Silk: Llaw |  | 51.4 | 49.1 | 70.3 | 70.3 | 70.3 |
|  | Silk Hosiery | 2 | 72.2 | 71.7 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 78.6 |
|  | Silk Fabrics |  | 69.0 | 69.0 | 69.0 | 69.0 | 69.0 |
|  | Arificial Silk Products | 5 | 49.0 | 48.1 | 50.4 | 50.4 | 50.4 |
|  | Wool, Raw | 3 | 91.3 | 92.3 | 96.0 | 95.1 | 94.7 |
|  | Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods | 5 | 106.5 | 108.1 | 108.8 | 108.8 | 108,8 |
|  | Wool Cloth | 6 | 104.8 | 104.5 | 105.5 | 106.3 | 105.2 |
| IV. | Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 88.8 | 91.4 | 98.3 | 98.3 | 98.3 |
|  | Newsprint and Wrapping Paper | 2 | 73.8 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 74,0 | 74.0 |
|  | Lumber | 33 | 103.6 | 108.6 | 127.0 | 126.5 | 126.7 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 102.8 | 108.2 | 108.9 | 108.9 | 108.9 |
|  | Furniture | 10 | 89.4 | 90.0 | 102.8 | 103.9 | 103.9 |
| V | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 104.1 | 106.2 | 112.6 | 112.7 | 112.7 |
|  | Pig Iron and Steel Billets | 3 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 101.? |
|  | Rolling Mill Products | 14 | 109. 6 | 110.2 | 117.0 | 117,0 | 117.0 |
|  | Hardware | 16 | 90.9 | 90.9 | 93.1 | 93,9 | 93.9 |
|  | Wire | 3 | 97.2 | 97.2 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.4 |
|  | Scrap | 5 | 95.9 | 100.5 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.9 |
| VI. | Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 818 | 76.9 | 77.7 | 78.2 | 78.2 | 78.2 |
|  | Brass and Copper Products | 6 | 83.5 | 85.7 | 86, | 86.6 | 86.6 |
|  | Lead and Its Products | 2 | 62.1 | 62.1 | 62.1 | 62.1 | 62,1 |
|  | Tin Ingots | 2 | 87.6 | 87.1 | 92.5 | 92.7 | 92.7 |
|  | Zinc and Its Products | 2 | 58.7 | 58.9 | 59.2 | 59.2 | 59.2 |
|  | Iron and Non Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 62 | 95.0 | 96.7 | 1.01 .1 | 101.2 | 101.2 |


| Commodity | : No. of: <br> : Price : <br> : Serios : | Yearly <br> Average $1940$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \\ & \text { : Nov. } \\ & : 1940: \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Srpt. } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. : } \\ & 1941 \text { : } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ |
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| VII. Non-Metailic Minerals and Their |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Producis | 83 | 89.3 | 90.8 | 98.3 | 98.9 | 98.9 |
| Clay and Sllied Materlal Products | 10 | 86.5 | 86.6 | 94.2 | 94.2 | 94.2 |
| Cout 1 | 13 | 10.. 3 | 3.04.4 | 111.6 | 110.8 | 110.8 |
| Coke | 5 | 121.4 | 121.4 | 122.5 | 122.5 | 122.5 |
| Marufactured Gas | 3 | 102.5 | 102.9 | 103.5 | 103.5 | 103.5 |
| Glass and Its Products | 6 | 94.8 | 99.6 | 104.4 | 104.4 | 104.4 |
| Pe氏roleum Products | 6 | 70.9 | 71.7 | 82.5 | 85.3 | 85.1 |
| Aspinalt | 2 | 103,0 | 103.3 | 103.3 | 103.3 | 103.3 |
| Salt | 4 | 116.6 | 116.6 | 130.6 | 130.6 | 130.6 |
| Lime | 4 | 101.8 | 101.8 | 111.8 | 111.8 | 111.8 |
| Cement | 1 | 98.4 | 99.2 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 106.5 |
| Sand and Gravel | 8 | 84.8 | 84.3 | 87.3 | 87.3 | 87.3 |
| Crished Stone | 3 | 67.6 | 65.8 | 78.0 | 78.0 | 80.3 |
| Building Stone | 3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 70.8 | 70.8 | 70.8 |
| Asbestos | 8 | 74.0 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
| VIII, Chomicais and Allied Products | 77 | 87.9 | 90.1 | 102.0 | 103.5 | 103.6 |
| Inorganis Cheraicals | 22 | 8\%.0 | 89.1 | 88.6 | 89.5 | 89.1 |
| Organic Cinemicals | 6 | 77.7 | 81.0 | 88.1 | 87.6 | 87.6 |
| Coal Iar Products | 2 | 90.0 | 89.9 | 91.1 | 91.1 | 91.1 |
| Dyreing and Manning Materials | 10 | 124.1 | 126.6 | 136.4 | 136.4 | 136.4 |
| Explosives | 2 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 |
| Paints. Pfepared | 2 | 71.8 | 71.8 | 82.5 | 82.5 | 82.5 |
| Drugs ard Phamaceutical Chemicals | 10 | 118.2 | 127.9 | 169.5 | 171.5 | 172.9 |
| Ferijllcers | 10 | 85.6 | 85.9 | 88.1 | 88.1 | 88.1 |
| Industria] Gases | 2 | 87.2 | $86 . .1$ | 85.5 | 84.3 | 83.6 |

PURPOSE CIASSIFICATION
$(1926=100)$

1. CONSUMERS: GOODS
(Grouns A and B)
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco

| 236 | 83.4 | 84.8 | 95.2 | 96.7 | 96.8 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 126 | 79.4 | 81.1 | 94.7 | 96.2 | 96.8 |
| 9 | 94.0 | 93.6 | 121.8 | 131.7 | 131.3 |
| 12 | 74.4 | 73.7 | 76.1 | 77.1 | 76.8 |
| 2 | 84.9 | 85.4 | 86.8 | 86.8 | 86.8 |
| 16 | 82.8 | 86.8 | 98.2 | 100.7 | 105.5 |
| 15 | 82.0 | 77.3 | 96.4 | 105.5 | 106.4 |
| 10 | 79.9 | 78.6 | 101.6 | 101.4 | 99.8 |
| 12 | 78.7 | 83.1 | 101.3 | 101.8 | 103.0 |
| 8 | 101.3 | 103.8 | 120.3 | 120.3 | 120.3 |
| 13 | 65.3 | 54.2 | 65.9 | 68.3 | 70.8 |
| 3 | 63.9 | 86.4 | 84.9 | 92.9 | 100.4 |
| 8 | 40.8 | 40.7 | 41.8 | 41.8 | 41.8 |
|  | 86.1 | 87.4 | 95.6 | 97.0 | 96.8 |
| 110 | 87.4 | 87.5 | 95.4 | 96.7 | 96.3 |
| 52 | 85.2 | 87.1 | 95.7 | 97.2 | 97.2 |
| 58 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 78.8 | 78.8 | 85,6 | 85.7 | 85.5 |
| 402 | 100.0 | 102.1 | 108.4 | 108.0 | 107.9 |
| 24 | 91.6 | 91.6 | 94.0 | 98.1 | 98.1 |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | 100.8 | 103.0 | 109.8 | 109.3 | 109.2 |
| 2 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 |
| 2 | 99.3 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.8 |


| Cormodity $\quad 11$ | No. Price Seri | $\begin{aligned} & \text { :Yearly } \\ & \text { :Average } \\ & : 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Nov. } \\ & \text { : } 1940 \end{aligned}$ | Sept. 1941 | Oct. $1941$ | Nov. <br> 1941 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Producers P Iaterials. | 378 | 76.4 | 76.2 | 83.1 | 83.2 | 83.0 |
| Building and Construction |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| laterials | 111 | 95.6 | 98.2 | 111.3 | 111.1 | 111.2 |
| x Lumber | 33 | 103.6 | 108.6 | 227.0 | 126.5 | 126.7 |
| Paint | 13 | 74.1 | 72.1 | 85.1 | 85.6 | 85.6 |
| Fiscellaneous | 65 | 93.4 | 34.8 | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.8 |
| Ttanufacturers' Naterials | 267 | 73.1 | 72.5 | 78.3 | 78.5 | 78.2 |
| Textiles and Clothing | 64 | 81.7 | 81.9 | 93.6 | 94.5 | 93.4 |
| Furs and Leather Goods | 24 | 87.0 | 85.3 | 105.1 | 106.1 | 107.1 |
| For Metal Working Industries | 41 | 83.1 | 83.9 | 85.5 | 85.5 | 85.6 |
| Tor Chemical Using Industries | 43 | 92.7 | 94.6 | 97.5 | 97.9 | 97.6 |
| For Meat Packing Industries | 4 | 94.6 | 94.9 | 115.2 | 113.2 | 112.1 |
| For lilling and Other Industries '(iscellaneous Producers' | S 23 | 55.7 | 52.9 | 56.9 | 56.9 | 56.2 |
| listerials | 68 | 75.3 | 75.9 | 79.7 | 80.4 | 80.4 |

QRRMII OLASSIFICATION
(1926-100)
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Total Raw and Porciy Manufactured } & 245 \\ \text { lotal Fully and Chiefly Ranufactured } & 322\end{array}$

1. Articles of Famn Origin
(Domestic and Foreign)
A. Field
(a) Raw and partly manufactured 95
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured 91
(c) Total 186
B. Animal
(a) Ra:v and partly manufactured 46
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured59
(c) Total

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C. Vanadian Farm Products
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { (1) Field } & 52 \\ \text { (2) Animal } & 18 \\ \text { (3) Total } & 70\end{array}$
II. Articles of Marine Origin
(a) Raw and parity manufactured 5
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured 11
(c) Total
III. irticles of Forest Origin
(a) Raw and partly manufactured 37
(b) Puilly and chiefly manufactured 20
(c) Total 57
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin

| (a) Raw and partiy manufactured 62 |
| :--- |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufacturedlı1 |
| (c) Total |

(b) Fully and chiefly manufacturedlil
(c) Total

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| 75.3 | 76.1 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 85.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 81.5 | 82.4 | 92.4 | 93.2 | 93.3 |


| 59.4 | 57.4 | 65.1 | 66.1 | 66.0 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 79.2 | 79.7 | 90.1 | 91.0 | 90.6 |
| 70.1 | 69.4 | 78.6 | 79.5 | 79.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 84.1 | 87.6 | 99.8 | 101.0 | 101.0 |
| 78.6 | 80.2 | 96.3 | 97.1 | 97.5 |
| 81.0 | 83.4 | 97.8 | 98.8 | 99.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 56.0 | 52.5 | 57.6 | 57.9 | 57.4 |
| 85.8 | 91.0 | 99.6 | 101.1 | 102.0 |
| 67.1 | 67.1 | 73.3 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 74.6 | 82.8 | 82.7 | 84.5 | 89.1 |
| 81.3 | 84.6 | 104.1 | 107.7 | 113.5 |
| 79.5 | 84.1 | 98.3 | 101.4 | 106.9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 103.4 | 108.5 | 121.5 | 121.2 | 121.3 |
| 75.5 | 75.8 | 77.5 | 77.6 | 77.6 |
| 88.5 | 91.0 | 98.0 | 97.9 | 98.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 88.9 | 90.8 | 93.9 | 93.6 | 93.6 |
| 92.0 | 93.3 | 99.6 | 100.3 | 100.6 |
| 90.6 | 92.2 | 97.1 | 97.3 | 97.5 |

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## WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

| Commodity |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Yearly } \\ \text { Average } \\ 1940 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { W०v. } \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sөpt. } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1941 } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OATS, NO. $2 \mathrm{C.W}$. |  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern | Bush. | . 351 | . 351 | . 493 | .473 | . 444 |
| Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis FLOUR, First Patent, 2-981s | Bush. | . 772 | . 718 | . 726 | . 737 | . 732 |
| cotton, Tronto |  | 5.706 | 5.550 | 4.950 | 5.050 | 5.050 |
| SUGAR, granulated, Montreal RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked | Cwt. | 5,765 | 5.893 | 6.893 | 6.893 | 6.893 |
| shoets, f.0.b. New York | Lb. | . 236 | . 257 | . 278 | . 277 | . 275 |
| LIISEED OIL, Raw, Montreal <br> (A) CATTLE, Steers, good up to | Gal. | . 553 | . 668 | . 850 | . 870 | . 870 |
| 1050 lb . Tornnto | Owt. | 7.858 | 8.070 | 8.950 | 8.810 | 8.630 |
| (B) HOGS, B.I. Dressed, Toronto BFEF HIDES, Packer Hides, | Owt. | 8.700 | 8.310 | 14.650 | 14.780 | 14.780 |
| Native Steers, Tnronto IEATHER, Packer crops, No. 1 and 11, | Lb. | . 136 | . 159 | . 150 | .150 | . 150 |
| foo.b. Distributing points BOX SIDES D, | Lb. | . 461 | . 460 | . 480 | . 480 | . 480 |
| foc b Ont. factory BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade | Ft. | . 251 | . 190 | . 240 | . 240 | . 240 |
| Montreal <br> CHEESE, Canadian old, large, | Lb. | . 275 | . 312 | . 360 | . 343 | . 352 |
| Montreal EGGS, Grade "A" large, | Lb, | . 230 | . 226 | . 305 | . 350 | . 370 |
| Mnntreal | Doz. | . 319 | . 493 | . 423 | . 499 | . 506 |
| COTTON: raw 1" $^{\prime \prime}$ - 1 1/16" <br> Hamilton <br> COMTOiN YARNS, 10 's white single | Lb. | . 136 | . 137 | . 226 | . 217 | . 215 |
| Hosiery cops, Mill | Lb. | . 301 | . 293 | . 399 | . 380 | . 380 |
| SILK, raw, special grand XX 85 p.c. New York, 13-15 deniers WOOL eastern bright $1 / 4$ blood | Lb. | 3.324 | 3.229 | 4,463 | 4.463 | 4.463 |
| dnmestic, f.o.b. Ontario WOOL, western range, semi-bright | Lb. | . 303 | . 310 | . 310 | . 310 | . 310 |
| 1/2 blood, domestic f.o.b. Ontario <br> (c) PuIP, groundwood, No. 1 | Lb. | . 238 | . 240 | . 275 | . 264 | . 260 |
| delivered, New England | Ton | 32.281 | 32.664 | 44.000 | 44.000 | 44.000 |
| GMEEL, merchant bars, mild | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mill | Lbs. | 2.550 | 2.550 | 2,754 | 2.754 | 2.754 |
| PIG IRON, foundry No. l, f.o.b. plant | Gross | 25.500 | 25.500 | 25.500 | 25.500 | 25.500 |
| COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal | Owt. | 11.455 | 11.500 | 11.500 | 11.500 | 11.500 |
| LKAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal | Cwt. | 5.000 | 5.000 | 5.000 | 5.000 | 5.000 |
| TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.O.b. Toronto | Lb. | . 604 | . 607 | . 620 | . 620 | . 620 |
| ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal | Cwt. | 5,150 | 5,150 | 5,150 | 5.150 | 5.150 |
| COAL, Anthracite, Toronto foo.b. carlots | Ton | 11.422 | 11.889 | 12.499 | 12.499 | 12.499 |
| COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run of mine | Ton | 5.500 | 5.500 | 5.700 | 5.700 | 5.700 |
| GASOLENE: Standard |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taronto | Gal. | .159 | . 165 | . 205 | . 215 | . 215 |
| SULPHURTC ACID 66\% Baume | Net |  |  |  |  |  |
| f, o, b works | Ton | 17.000 | 17.000 | 17.000 | 18.000 | 18.000 |

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PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS
(CHARTS I, V, VI, VII \& VIII -- Average of 1926 Prices=100)
(CHARTS II, III \& IV - Average of 1935-39 Prices=100)

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)
The Dominion Bureau of statistics index number of living costs on the base $1935-1939=100$, advanced from 115.5 on October lst to 116.3 on November lst.

An index for 46 food items rase from 123.2 to 125.4 , influenced by higher prices for eggs, fruits and vegetables. Dafry products recorded a moderate decline, substantial gains in cheese prices being more than off set by easier quotations for butter. Increases for coal, coke and gas rates carriod the fuel index up from 112.1 to 112.7 . The clothing index rose from 119.6 to 120.0 ; following moderate increases in women's apparel: piece goods and forwear.

The homefurnishings and services group moved up from 117.3 to 117.9 following advences in furniture, floor coverings, furishings and textiles, hardware, dishes and cleaning supplies. An advance in the personal cleaning supplies sub-group accounted for an upward movement in the miscellaneous index from 106.5 to 106.7.

An index for retall prices alon rose from 120.1 to 121.4.
INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-NOTHMBER 1, 1941.
(1935-1939 $=100$ )

|  | Total <br> Index | Food Index | Rent <br> Index | Fuel <br> and <br> Light- <br> ing <br> Index | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cloth- } \\ & \text { ing } \\ & \text { Index } \end{aligned}$ | Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index | : Retail <br> : Prices <br> : Index <br> : (Conmod- <br> : ities <br> only) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 | 79.7 | 88.3 | 74.3 | 78.9 | 88.0 | 70.3 |  |
| 1914 | 80.0 | 91.9 | 72.1 | 75.4 | 88.9 | 70.3 | - |
| 1917 | 104.5 | 133.3 | 75.8 | 83.8 | 130.3 | 81.5 | - |
| 1918 | 118.3 | 1.52.8 | 80.2 | 32.2 | 152.3 | 91.4 | - |
| 1920 | 150.5 | 188.1 | 1.00 .2 | 119.9 | 213.1 | 110.3 | - |
| 1926 | 121.8 | 133.3 | J15.9 | 116.8 | 139.1 | 106.1 | - |
| 1929 | 121.7 | 134.7 | 119.7 | 112.6 | 134.8 | 105.0 | - |
| 1930 | 120.8 | 131.5 | 122.7 | 111.8 | 130.6 | 105.4 | - |
| 1934 | 95.6 | 92.7 | 93.2 | 102.1 | 97.1 | 97.8 |  |



Order-in-Council P.C. 8253 (October 27, 1941) provides for a cost-of-living bonus of 25 cents per week for each one per cent of increase in the official index number measured from August, 1939. For convenience the percentage increase each month as compared with August, 1939, is shown in the left-hand column.





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[^2]INDEX NUMBERS OF PETAIL PRICGS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA. AUGUST 1. 1939. AND DECRBER 1. $1940-N O V F M B E R ~ 1 . ~ 1941 . ~$


|  | Yali- fax | Saint John | Mont - real | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tor - } \\ & \text { onto } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Winni } \\ \text { peg } \end{gathered}$ | Saska toon | Edmonton | Vancouver |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .......... | 100.2 | 99.6 | 104.1 | 100.3 | 103.4 | 102.1 | 100.0 | 98.0 |
| February .......... | 98.7 | 99.7 | 103.0 | 99.1 | 102.3 | 99.3 | 98.6 | 96.0 |
| March ............ | 98.0 | 98.9 | 103.0 | 98.8 | 101.9 | 101.2 | 98.8 | 97.0 |
| April ............ | 94.1 | 99.3 | 100.4 | 98.7 | 102.2 | 98.4 | 98.8 | 96.4 |
| May . . . . . . . . . . . . | 97.1 | 100.1 | 101.3 | 97.8 | 100.0 | 96.0 | 97.8 | 97.9 |
| June ............. | 97.0 | 98.0 | 100.0 | 98.2 | 98.8 | 96.1 | 98.6 | 96.8 |
| July .............. | 98.3 | 99.7 | 101.5 | 101.7 | 100.6 | 97.6 | 99.5 | 98.2 |
| August ............ | 99.6 | 100.5 | 100.6 | 100.2 | 100.6 | 97.9 | 100.3 | 98.1 |
| Sept ember ........ | 97.4 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 99.0 | 100.7 | 97.4 | 100.0 | 97.4 |
| october .......... | 106.2 | 106.9 | 109.4 | 106.7 | 108.2 | 108.3 | 108.5 | 104.2 |
| November .......... | 107.9 | 107.5 | 109.3 | 106.7 | 107.8 | 109.2 | 111.9 | 104.9 |
| December ......... | 106.1 | 108.4 | 107.9 | 106.4 | 106.9 | 109.1 | 109.4 | 103.9 |
| Year ............ | 100.1 | 101.5 | 103.3 | 101.1 | 102.8 | 101.0 | 101.8 | 99.1 |
| 1940 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 108.5 | 107.5 | 107.3 | 103.6 | 106.5 | 107.3 | 107.2 | 101.4 |
| February ......... | 106.4 | 106.6 | 107.1 | 103.8 | 106.2 | 107.4 | 107.1 | 104.1 |
| March | 107.1 | 105.8 | 107.9 | 102.9 | 106.0 | 106.7 | 106.2 | 103.0 |
| April | 107.7 | 106.7 | 107.7 | 104.2 | 106.2 | 106.7 | 107.1 | 103.9 |
| May | 108.4 | 107,4 | 106.0 | 103.2 | 105.3 | 104.9 | 108.2 | 105.3 |
| June | 106.1 | 106.1 | 106.0 | 103.7 | 105.2 | 103.3 | 106.6 | 102.5 |
| July .............. | 110.6 | 108. 2 | 1.08,2 | 104.9 | 109.0 | 105.9 | 105.8 | 103.2 |
| August ........... | 111.9 | 108.9 | 106.1 | 104.7 | 108.5 | 103.8 | 104.8 | 103.9 |
| September ........ | 111.3 | 107.0 | 106.9 | 105.9 | 106.8 | 103.4 | 103.5 | 103.4 |
| October .......... | 111.6 | 108.4 | 107.9 | 106.1 | 107.6 | 104.3 | 105.4 | 103.7 |
| November | 113.3 | 111.3 | 110.9 | 108.5 | 110.2 | 107.5 | 108.4 | 106.1 |
| December .......... | 114.7 | 113.0 | 111.2 | 107.8 | 110.9 | 109.7 | 110.1 | 107.0 |
| Year ........... | 109.8 | 108.0 | 107.8 | 105.0 | 107.3 | 105.8 | 106.7 | 104.0 |
| 1941 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .......... | 115.9 | 112.0 | 112.7 | 107.7 | 111.8 | 111.5 | 109.2 | 107.2 |
| February ......... | 113.9 | 111.0 | 111.7 | 108.2 | 109.6 | 109.1 | 108.4 | 108.8 |
| March ............ | 112.2 | 110.0 | 111.9 | 108,6 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 107.8 | 109.0 |
| Apr11 .......... | 113.5 | 110.8 | 112.1 | 109.0 | 110.5 | 110.0 | 108.3 | 109.9 |
| May . . . . . . . . . . . | 113.0 | 110.8 | 111.1 | 108.6 | 109.8 | 107.9 | 109.1 | 109.4 |
| June ............ | 114.7 | 111.3 | 116.1 | 111.5 | 112.7 | 109.0 | 110.8 | 110.6 |
| July ............. | 120.3 | 115.6 | 120.8 | 116.1 | 116.2 | 111.5 | 114.0 | 115.8 |
| August ........... | 124.1 | 119.9 | 125.1 | 119.8 | 120.2 | 117.5 | 119.1 | 118.1 |
| September ........ | 125.5 | 120.1 | 126.4 | 122.7 | 122.2 | 122.6 | 122.5 | 122.2 |
| October | 124.2 | 119.9 | 126.6 | 122.5 | 122.3 | 123.3 | 122.0 | 121.7 |
| November ......... | 127.6 | 123.3 | 128,6 | 125.8 | 124.5 | 124.2 | 122.1 | 123.2 |

RETATL FOOD PRICE CFANGES, OCTOBER 1 TO NOVMMBER 1, 1941.

November astaretail food price index numbers for eight regional cities
were substantially higher than corresponding october lst indexes in most oases. In-
creases in the Maritimes, Cuebec and ontario were greater than in the west. Sharp advances in eggs and general firmness in fruits promided the main reasons for the November gains. Deiry products and meats were varlabla, recording advances in some cities and declines in others. Dry groceries were generally firm, supported by higher tea quotations.

Price movements continued to be irregular on Canadian security markots during November. The Investors'. price index of 95 common issued declined 0.6 p.c. to 68.5 from Coctober 30 to November 27. Sub-group net changes were less than in October and varied from 0.1 p.c. to 4.4 p,c. Industrials declined 0.5 p.c. to 65.2 on November 27, while the drop in utilities was greater, totalling to 2.0 p.c. to 70.2 . Banks mounted from 90,9 to 91.8 between October 30 and November 27 , for a gain of 1.0 p.c. The Bureau's monthly average price index for common stocks fell from 69.1 in October to 68.8 in November. Industrials receded 0.2 points to 65.3 , utilities 1.4 to 71.1. Banks showed an increase of 0.9 points to 91.7 .

## MINING STOCK PRICES

Further weakness was shown in the mining stock section and a representetive index of twenty-five mining issues dropped $3.9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$ 。 during November to close at 64.2 on November 27. Losses for bath golds and base motals were higher than in the industrials, but if compared with those of the preceding month an important reduction is noted. Golds receded $5.1 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$, to 54.3 and base metals $2.4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. to 83.8 between october 30 and November 27 against respectire declines of 12.1 p.c. and 7.6 p.c. in october. A monthly price index moved lower fiom 69.7 in 0 ctober to 65.0 in November, with the golds falling from 60.8 to 54.9 and base meta?s from 87.4 to 85,0 .

GOLDS

|  | Nov. 27 | Oct. 30 |  | Nov. 27 | oct. 30 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beattie | \$1.04 | \$1.05 | Ifttle Long Lac | \$1.51 | \$ 1.62 |
| Bralorne | 10.37 | 10.87 | Macassa | 3.15 | 3.40 |
| Buf $\mathrm{f}_{\text {alo }}$-Ankerite | 3.25 | 3.70 | McIntyre | 45.00 | 45.50 |
| Cariboo Gold Quartz .... | 1.99 | 2.20 | Pickle Crow | 2.65 | 2.68 |
| Central Patricia .... | 1.45 | 1.49 | Proneer | 2.18 | 2.10 |
| Dame | 16.75 | 19:25 | San Antonio | 2.18 | 2.30 |
| God's Lake | , 23 | : 26 | Sis coe | . 51 | . 525 |
| Hollinger . | 10,50 | 11.00 | Sylvanite | 2.05 | 2.25 |
| Kırkland Lake | . 64 | . 66 | Teck-Eughes | 2.40 | 2.50 |
| Lake Shore ............ | 11.75 | 11.87 | Uch1 ...... | . 08 | . 085 |
| Lamague Gold Mines ..... | 3.90 | 4.00 | Wright-Eargreaves | 2.85 | 3.00 |
| BASE METALS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge | 3.30 | 3.40 | Noranda | 49.12 | 50.50 |
| Fudson Bay ... | 26.25 | 26.75 |  |  |  |

## PRE FTMRRED STCOKS

The Bureau's index number of 30 preferred stock prices made a gain of 0.4 p.0. to 102.6 between October and November. This compared with a loss of 1.0 p.c. between september and october. The greatest gain was made by Power is sues up 3.1 p.c. as compared with a loss of $l_{0} 1 p_{0} c_{\text {: }}$ timepious month. Advancing more moderately were Beverages up 1.7 p.o., machinery and Equipment up 1.2 p.c. as compared with a loss of 2.8 p.c. in october, and 0ils up 1.0 p.c. above october levels. opposing this movement were pulp and Paper issues with a furtiaer loss of 1.6 p.c。as compared with $2.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. In October, and Miscellaneous down 2.6 poc. All other gains and losses were fractional.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PRFFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1941.
$(1935-1939=100)$


INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMNON STOCKS
(1935-39 $=100$ )


(1935-39 200 )

$x$ Weekly figures. \& Computed from Thursday closing quotations from May 22nd.

Reflecting continued firmness in Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices, the Bureau's index, on the base $1935-1939=100$, rose from 101.4 for october to 102.0 for November. This was the highest point reached since July 1939, and was 1.5 above the current year's low of 100,5 for June. Progress, if slow, was falrly steady during most of the month. The dally index rose from 101.8 on October 31 to 102.0 on November 10. There followed an advence to 102.1 on the 14th, and another increase of 0.1 on the 21 st. A final advance of 0.1 to 102.3 took place on the 27 th , but on the 28 th markets softened and the month closed at 102.1, to show a net gain of 0.3 . The index of yields declined from 94.9 for October to 93.6 for November, 4.4 points below November 1940. Provincials were firm. Based upon information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Iimited, an index of representative Province of Ontario bond ylelds fell from 91.8 to 90.9 , and the average yield of the is sues included in the index decreased from 3.23 to 3.20 .

British Consols moved narrowly to close $1 / 8$ lower at $821 / 4$, while the DowJones average of selected United States bonds declined from 90.44 to 90.10.

MONTFIY INDEX NIIBBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA IONG-TERM BOND PRICES, 1935-1941.
(From data issued by A.E. Ames and Co. Ltd.)
$(1935-1939=100)$


MONIFIY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA IONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1935-1941. $(1935-1939=100)$

|  | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 | 1940 | 1941 |
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| Jenuary ....... | 102.4 | 1.06 .5 | $\overline{94.1}$ | 99.2 | 93.5 | 103.3 | 96.3 |
| February | 105.9 | 103.6 | 99.0 | 98.6 | 93.8 | 101.9 | 96.1 |
| March | 104.1 | 102.4 | 105.0 | 97.9 | 92.1 | 101.9 | 95.8 |
| April | 104.5 | 1.01 .8 | 106.2 | 96.2 | 93.8 | 100.2 | 95.9 |
| May . ............ | 103.0 | 100.9 | 104.6 | 94.6 | 95.0 | 99.8 | 95.9 |
| June | 105.8 | 98.0 | 102.5 | 95.4 | 93.0 | 101.4 | 96.4 |
| July ............ | 105.2 | 95.5 | 101.8 | 95.7 | 92.9 | 101.1 | 95.8 |
| August | 104.4 | 92.6 | 100.8 | 96.1 | 94.5 | 100.0 | 95.4 |
| September ...... | 112.8 | 91.8 | 100.6 | 98.0 | 108.7 | 98.9 | 95.2 |
| October. | 113.9 | 96.0 | 102.8 | 97.2 | 106.3 | 98.6 | 94.9 |
| November | 108.3 | 94.7 | 102.4 | 94.6 | 102.7 | 98.0 | 93.6 |
| December | 109.1 | 93.3 | 100.0 | 94.0 | 104.3 | 97.0 | - |

WEEKLY INDAK NUMBFRS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG TERM BONDS, 1941*


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NOTE: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.



## MONTHIY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938 - 1941. (Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade and Securities) $(1935-1939=100)$



Indexes available to 1871.

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[^0]:    $x$ Includes both domestic and export prices.

[^1]:    (A) Previous to 1941 - steers good nver 1050 pounds.
    (B) Dressed weight grading. Price per cwt. $1 / 3$ higher than previous live grading "bacon hogs".
    (c) Previous to 1941 f.o.b. Mill.

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[^3]:    * Based upon an average of daily figures for the week ending on dates specified.

