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MHOLMSALE: Closing 1941 at 93.8 , the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' weekly index of 56 ? commodity wholesale price series showed a net loss of 0.1 p.c. for the month of December and an increase of $11.4 \mathrm{p} \cdot \mathrm{c}$. for the year. Weakness in the index reflected sharp declines for lard and eggs coupled with lesser decreases for furs, cheese, cotton fabrics and cedar lumber which more than offset moderate advances for a number of items including grains, flour, potatoes, fish, livestock, fresh meats, raw cotton, carpets, spruce and hemlock lumber, and coal. Of the eight component groups animal products and fibres, textiles and textile products were lower, vegetable products, wood, wood products and paper and non-metallic minerals were higher, while the remaining three were unchanged. Dring the year all groups registered increases varying between 18.3 p.c. for animal products and 0.6 p.c. for non-ferrous metals. Industrial material prices recorded an advance in December. Closing the month at 91.6 , the compoaite series of 30 commodities indicated a net increase of $0.7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{c}}$, reflecting an advance of a similar amount for the stable price sub-group coupled with an increase of 0.6 p.c. for the sensitive price series. Canadian farm product prices moved higher also, the composite index advanoing from 74.3 for the final week of November to 74.7 for the week of December 26. This rise reflected firmer prices for grains, tobacco, potatoes and onions in the field products section which more than outweighed a decline in the animal products section due to a sharp drop in egg prices.
COST OF IIVING: (Vartime increase 14.9 per cent - from 100.8 to 115.8 ) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined from 116.3 on November 1, 1941, to 115.8 on December 1, 1941. This index which has been specified as the basis for calcuJating cost-of-living bonus adjustments under Order-in-Council P.C.8253, has increased 14.9 per cent between August, 1939 and December, 1941. The December decrease was due plmost entirely to a decine in the food index from 125.4 to 123.8. Eggs, meats and fresh fruits recorded substantial reductions while moderate increases occurred in butter and fresh vegetables. The only other change for December 1 was a decline in the clothing index from 120,0 to ll9.9. Remaining group indexes were unchanged as follows: Fuel and light 112.7 , rent 111.2 , home furnishings and services 117.9 , and miscellaneous 106.7.

SFCURITIES: Reflecting a further preponderance of losses for both industrial and utility stocks, the Investors' weekly index of 95 common stocks again moved down in December. An index of 66.8 for the closing week of December was $2.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. below the level of 68.5 for the week of November 27 . During this interval the index for 68 industrials receded 2.3 p.c. to 63.7, while a corresponding series for 19 utilities moved 3.4 p.c. lower to 67. 8. A weaker tone was noted also in mining stocks as indicated by a drop of 5 p.c. to 61. 0 In the composite index for 25 golds and base metals between November 27 and December 26. Gold stocks declined 6.6 p.c. to an index level of 50.7 while base metal stocks were off 2.9 p.c. to 81.4. Registering their first decline in several months, Dominion of Canada longmterm bond prices eased fractionally in December from an index level of 102.2 at the end of November to 101.9 for the week of December 26. Yields were correspondingly firmer. closing 0.5 points higher at 93.8 .

> SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES
( $1926=100$ for Wholesale Irices)
(1935-39=100 for Cost of Living and Security Prices)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. <br> 1941 | December, 1941 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Week ended - |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 4 th | 11 th | 18th | 26 th |
| THOLESALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General - 567 Price Series | 84.2 | 94.0 | 93.6 | 93.5 | 93.7 | 93.8 |
| Industrial Materials | 79.1 | 91.0 | 91.4 | 91.2 | 91.6 | 91.6 |
| Canadian Farm Products | 67.1 | 74.1 | 74.5 | 74.2 | 74.3 | 74.7 |
| COST OF LIVING - (lst of month) | 108.0 | 116.3 |  | --- | 8 |  |
| Investors Price Index(95 common stocks). | 70.3 | 68.8 | 67.9 | 67.0 | 65.9 | 66.8 |
| 68 Industrials ........................ | 65.9 | 65.3 | 64.4 | 63.7 | 62.7 | 63.7 |
| 19 Utilities ........................... | 76.4 | 71.1 | 70,6 | 68.3 | 67.1 | 67.8 |
| Mining Stock Price Index(25 stocks) ..... | 80.2 | 65.0 | 65.1 | 63.5 | 62.9 | 61.0 |
| 22 Golds ........................... | 74.9 | 54.9 | 54,9 | 52.7 | 51.5 | 50.7 |
| 3 Base Metals | 90.0 | 85.0 | 85.4 | 84.9 | 85.5 | 81.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Price Index | 100.5 | 102.0 | 102.2 | 102.1 | 101.9 | 101.9 |
| Yield Index | 97.0 | 93.6 | 93.2 | 93.5 | 93.8 | 93.8 |
| FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS-noon rates (Bank of Canada at Montreal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. dollars (x) ................dollars | 1.105 | 1.105 | 1.105 | 1.105 | 1.105 | 1.105 |
| Sterling (x) ............................................ | 4.450 | 4.450 | 4.450 | 4.450 | 4.450 | 4.450 |

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

HIEAT AND OTHER GRATITS: Closing 1941 at $741 / 8 \phi$ per bushel, No. 1 Manitoba northern wheais: Fort Willian and Port Arthur cash basis: showed a net loss of $1 / 2 \phi$ for Decembe: : and a slight advance of $3 / 8$ of a cent for the year. Lower grades of bread wheats were correspondingly wearer during December, with No. n northern off $3 / 8$ of a cent at $707 / 8 \phi$ per bushei between November 29 and Desember 31, and Fo. 3 northern $1 / 2$ a cent at $68 \mathrm{3} / \mathrm{Z} \phi$. Theat experts to all destinations amounted to 15.4 mijlion bushels for December: compared with 14.0 willicns in November. On Decenber 31 visible stocks of Wheat amounte己 to 502 milition bushuls or 8 million bushels more than on December 1940 .

In the southern beaisphere harvesting cperations were reported to be proceeding satisfacturily. Ain Argentine official wheat crop estimate of $220,460,000$ bushels was somewhat above average, although considerably below the 1940-41 figure of 299,458,000 bushels. Cuvpled with a carryover of approximately 129 million bushels a total supply of aoout 350 million bushois was incicated. Basea on the provious season's home consumption of 10.3 million bushels of wheat this would leave 24 million bushels available for export. Export shipnents of less than 90 millions were mads in the 1940-41 season. Latest availebie reuorts indicated on Austraifan wheat outtiarn of 158 million bushels or about 8 miljions less than the previous estimate. Excessive moisture in South Australia and Victoria subsecuentiy followed by red rust was the primary ciace for the reduced figure Mid month export guotations for Australian wheat were 69 / $8 \phi$ per bushel (Thiftol States funds) in voik f.o.bo while Argentine wheat on a comparable basis continued to of offered at $565 / 8 \phi$.

Movinat conversely to wheat, aonestic coarse grain orices finished higher in December. Betwger Novenier '3 and December 31 oats No. 2 C. W. advanced $37 / 8 \phi$ to
 closed $15 / 8$ firgher et 59 gof 12 and from crishers and some speculative buying flax prices shower firmess also, No.1 C.W. gaining $51 / 4 \phi$ to $\$ 1.57$ per bushei on December 31.

|  | 1940 | 1941 | 1941 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iescription iBasie casin per bushel: Fi. Willian and Pt.Ar*hur') | $\frac{\text { December }}{\phi}$ | $\frac{\text { November }}{\phi}$ | $\frac{\text { December }}{\phi}$ |
| No. 1 Mazituba Norincrul wheai | 73.4 | 73.2 | 74.4 |
| No. 2 Carada Westera ciats | 33.3 | 44.4 | 47.0 |
| Yo. 2 Canada Wostern rye | 46.0 | $5 \% .1$ | 59.4 |
| 10.1 foed barley | 40.2 | 52.9 | 55.9 |
| No. 1 Canara Wescern flax | 131.4 | 149.9 | 155.3 |

GLOUR ATD OTEHR MIELED PRODUCTS: Spring wheat flour prices were maintained through December at levels obtaining since the eariy part of October. At Toronto first patent flour, carlots, held at $\$ 5.05$ per barrel of $2.98^{\circ}$ s cotton while quotations for a similar grade at Wimipeg remained at $\$ 5.10$ per barrel. During the same period Ontario winter wheat flour advanced lo! to $\$ 5.60$ per barrel, carlots, Kontreal rate points. Domestic flour sales were cumparatively slack during December, with forward buying at a low ebb subsequent to the introduction of Kaximum Price Regulations on December 1. Exports, however, weice fairly substantial during the first half of the month, 5,000 tons being sold to Russia with the Cereal Import Comittee acting as intermediary; subsequently export business dwindiei. fimong other milied products, oatmeal at Toronto advanced $10 \phi$ per $99-18$. Eack to $\$ 4,00$ between Noveniber 28 and Decomber 26 , while rolled oats was unchanged $a ; \$ 3.25$ per $80-\mathrm{ib}$. bag. Table ccrnneal was steady also at $\$ 3.10$ per 98 lbs. foo, $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{o}}$ Montreal. Donestic demand for these conmodities was good according to trade repurts, inprevenent reflecting colder weather. Millfeed prices (including the freight subsidy renatnez unchanged at $\$ 28.50$ per ton for bran and $\$ 29.50$ for shorts, Ontario and Mon'real rate points. Many mills were repozted taking advantage of new regulations permititne expoct sales which are now based on flour exports. Under the Dominion Guvernment frejgit subsidy good quantities of millfeeds were reported shipped from weitern to easteri Canada, while moderate amounts were shipped to British Columbia which alss comes inder ti:e freight subsidy plan.


IIV ESTOM: Tirestock markets moved narrowly upward in December and an index of pices rose fin 11. in Novumber to 114.8 . Steers and calres averaged about 3 p.c. and $2 \frac{2}{5} p_{0} c$. respectively abcue November levels; lambs wera $1 p_{0} c$. higher, while hogs showed cilly fracticnal gairs. Influenced by light runs and active export demand, good
steers up to 1050 pounds at Toronto rose steadily from $\$ 8.71$ for the week of December 5 to $\$ 8.90$ per cwt. for the week of the 26 th. At Winnipeg, this grade advanced $50 \phi$ per cwt. between December 5 and 12, and then eased as the export quota neared fulfilment. Lighter runs in the closing week, however, sent prices back up $22 \phi$ to $\$ 8.35$ per cwt. Deiveries at all Canadian stockyards and plants totalled 116,022 head in December compared with 131,067 head in November and 86,728 head in December 1940. Calf markets were unsteady at flrst but closed stronger, while hogs remained firm to higher throughout the nonth. After minor fluctuations at Toronto, good handyweight lambs closed at $\$ 11.27$ per cwt., down l3 from the opening level. Winnipeg's close of $\$ 10,00$ per cwt. was $69 \phi$ higher than the Dec:eraber 5 quotation.

| Descripitons | $\begin{gathered} 1940 \\ \text { December } \end{gathered}$ | $1941$ <br> November | $\begin{gathered} 1941 \\ \text { December } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Good steers up to 1050 pounds per ewt. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| at Toronto ..... | 8.13 | 8.63 | 8.90 |
| Winnipeg .... | 7.58 | 8.09 | 8.35 |
| Good vaal calves, per owt. at Toronto.... | 11.12 | 12.66 | 13.05 |
| Winnipeg .... | 9.66 | 10.68 | 10.81 |
| Hogs Bl dressed weight per |  |  |  |
| cwt. at Toronto ..... (a) | 8.17 | 14.78 | 14.89 |
| Winnipeg ....(a) | 7.73 | 13.75 | 13.77 |
| Good handyweigit lambs per |  |  |  |
| cwt. at Toronto .... | 10.38 | 11.33 | 11.39 |
| Winnipeg ... | 9.12 | 9.43 | 9.65 |

(a) Bacon hogs live weight. Estimated at about 75 p.c. of dressed weight.

EGGS: A drop of more than 18 p.c. in prices brought the egg index down to 81.9 in Decenber, but that level was still above the December 1940 figure of 80.7 . Receipts of $i$ iccsh supplies were plentiful in all sections of the country, the greatest increases occurring in western areas. Grade $A^{\prime} s$ large at Montreal fell from $46 \frac{1}{2} \phi$ to 3: $\dagger$ per cozen between the weeks of December 5 and 19 , with other centres following. As prices nearec export levels, exporters began to inquire about immediate shipments. Grade $A^{\prime}$ s strengthened following the announcoment of a $3 \phi$ per dozen bonus on $A^{\prime}$ s purchased for export on or after December 22, and also an additional $\frac{1}{3} \phi$ bonus to be paid on all eggs, oil processed. However, $B^{\prime}$ s and $C^{\prime}$ s continued downward. Cold storage stocks were calculated $b: r$ the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 318,000 dozen at the beginning of January compared with 960,000 dozen on December 1, 1941.


BUTTKR: An average of butter prices at six representative Canadian cities was $35 \phi$ per pound in December, $1 \frac{3}{?}$ p.c. above the November average. As indicated by markets at Montreal and Toronto, trading was limited throughout the month and only sufficient to keep light offerings moving. Both Canadian production and cold storage stocks droppad lower levels in December. Cold storage supplies of creamery butter were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 44,096,000 pounds on January 1 or $10,169,000$ pounds below December 1 figure. Canadian production during the morith amounted to $11,849,000$ pounds, $3,136,000$ less than in November. Domestic disappearance at $22,018,000$ pounds was $3,850,000$ pounds below that in the previous month.


RAW COTTON: Reflecting peak consumption levels coupled with an exceptionally light supply situation, quotations for raw cotton $15 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ middling at New York advanced 109 points to $18.55 \phi$ per pound between the close of November and December 31. During the same period the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' weekly index of raw cotton prices advanced 5.1 points to 119.6. United States government owned cotton $15 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ middling was still available to Canadian importers during December at the basic price of $13.25 \phi$ per pound, Carolina points, while the $3 \phi$ per pound export subsidy also continued on a day-to-day basis. December domestic raw cotton consumption of 44,547 bales brought the 1941 total to a new record figure of 544,702 bales of 500 pounds. During the first half of 194j. It was reported that more than $64 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. of cotton consumed in Caneda was of Brazilian origin.
Description
Raw cotton $15 / 1^{\prime \prime}$, per pound, at New York
(a) $7 / 8^{i}$

| (see above dates) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |
| $12.7(\mathrm{a})$ | 21.0 | 22.1 |

IUMBER AND TTMBRR: Spruce and hemlock export prices of lumber and timber moved higher in December, while there was a decline in the export price of shingles. O:her groups were unchanged at 126.7 for pine; 120,5 for fir and 104.8 for hardwoods. Beftecting advances for Quebec spruce deals and Quebec spruce boards, $3^{\prime \prime} \times 8^{\prime \prime}$, the spruce lumber and timber weekly index advanced 3.1 points to 124.5 between the weeks of December 1.2 and 19. During the same period the hemlock sub-group index moved up 4.4 points to 148.4 while the cedar group declined 5.8 points to 147.2 . Domestic lumber demand slackend during the month reflecting seasonal conditions, while at the same time the Pacific cxisis ereated the possioility of severe repercussions in the overseas export lumber business. Domestic lumber roquirements for war needs in 1942 will be as great as in 1941 ancurding to the Timber Contriciler.

|  | 1940 | 1941 | 1941 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Duseription (Price Indexes 1926=100) | December | November | December |
| Pine lumber | 112.4 | 126.7 | 126.7 |
| Spruce lumber | 107.2 | 1.21 .4 | 124.5 |
| Cedar Lumber | 117.6 | 153.0 | 147.2 |
| Fir Iumber | 106.2 | 120.5 | 120.5 |
| Hemlock lumber | 105.0 | 144.0 | 148.4 |

## TNDXX NUMBERS OF INDTISTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES (1926=100)



* Revised.

SUMMARY TABLES OF CAIADIAN HHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
$(1926=100)$

|  | $\vdots$  <br> $\vdots$ General <br> $\vdots$ Prolesale <br> O  <br> Index  | Consumers Goods | Producers': Goods | Building Materials | $\begin{gathered} \text { : Raw and } \\ \vdots \text { Partly } \\ \text { Manu- } \\ \text { : Gactured } \\ \text { Goods } \end{gathered}$ | Fully and: Chiefly Manufactured Goods | Canadian Farm Products | Principal Imports | Principal Exports | Industrial Materials | Thirteen <br> Sensitive Materials |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 | 64.0 | 62.0 | 67.7 | 67.0 | 63.8 | 64.8 | 64.1 | 73.0 | 64.7 | - | - |
| 1920 | 155.9 | 136.1 | 164.3 | 144.0 | 154.1 | 156.5 | 160.6 | 158.8 | 158.1 |  | - |
| 1929 | 95.6 | 94.7 | 96.1 | 99.0 | 97.5 | 93.0 | 100.8 | 94.2 | 92.2 | 91.8 | 87.2 |
| 1933 | 67.1 | 71.1 | 63.1 | 78.3 | 56.6 | 70.2 | 51.0 | 73.0 | 55.2 | 51.1 | 43.8 |
| 1939 | 75.4 | 75.9 | 70.4 | 89.7 | 67.4 | 75.3 | 64.3 | 84.7 | 63.5 | 69.0 | 57.0 |
| 1940 | 82.9 | 83.4 | 78.7 | 95.6 | 75.3 | 81.5 | 67.1 | 96.0 | 71.9 | 79.0 | 65.9 |
| 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Augrat | 72.3 | 72.7 | 66.7 | 90.2 | 62.8 | 72.6 | 58.4 | 80.5 | 59.9 | 65.3 | 52.9 |
| November | 80.4 | 80.7 | 75.4 | 93.9 | 72.1 | 80.3 | 64.9 | 93.7 | 68.5 | 77.9 | 69.3 |
| December | 81.7 | 81.4 | 78.1 | 94.2 | 74.4 | 81.2 | 69.0 | 94.7 | 71.5 | 78.8 | 69.0 |
| 1940 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January . . . . . . . . . . . | 82.6 | 82.4 | 78.9 | 93.6 | 75.3 | 81.5 | 70.0 | 94.9 | 72.6 | 80.1 | 69.5 |
| February ............. | 82.8 | 82.9 | 79.2 | 93.5 | 75.7 | 81.7 | 70.3 | 95.3 | 73.2 | 79.5 | 67.9 |
| March ............... | 83.2 | 83.2 | 79.9 | 94.1 | 76.3 | 81.9 | 71.3 | 94.6 | 74.1 | 79.7 | 68.0 |
| April | 83.1 | 82.6 | 80.3 | 94.2 | 76.8 | 81.5 | 72.1 | 94.5 | 74.5 | 79.4 | 67.3 cm |
| May . | 82.2 | 82.3 | 78.7 | 94.3 | 75.2 | 80.5 | 68.0 | 94.4 | 71.5 | 78.6 | 66.5 |
| June. | 81.6 | 82.5 | 77.2 | 94.3 | 74.0 | 80.0 | 64.3 | 95.0 | 69.4 | 77.9 | 65.3 |
| Ju2\% | 82.6 | 83.7 | 77.7 | 95.3 | 74.9 | 80.7 | 64.4 | 96.5 | 70.0 | 78.7 | 64.8 |
| August | 82.6 | 83.5 | 77.9 | 96.7 | 73.8 | 81.3 | 62.7 | 96.2 | 70.4 | 78.1 | 63.9 |
| September | 83.0 | 84.0 | 78.3 | 97.6 | 74.3 | 81.6 | 63.8 | 96.9 | 71.3 | 78.2 | 63.1 |
| October. | 83.3 | 84.1 | 78.4 | 98.0 | 74.8 | 81.8 | 64.6 | 97.8 | 71.6 | 78.8 | 64.0 |
| November | 83.9 | 84.8 | 78.8 | 98.2 | 76.1 | 82.4 | 66.9 | 98.1 | 72.3 | 79.8 | 66.0 |
| December | 84.2 | 85.2 | 79.1 | 98.0 | 76.1 | 83.0 | 67.1 | 98.0 | 72.3 | 79.1 | 64.7 |
| 1941 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 84.6 | 85.5 | 79.7 | 98.7 | 76.6 | 83.4 | 67.2 | 98.3 | 72.8 | 80.1 | 65.7 |
| February ............ | 85.2 | 85.7 | 80.6 | 100.1 | 77.7 | 83.7 | 68.3 | 98.6 | 73.8 | 81.2 | 66.9 |
| March . . . . . . . . . . . | 85.9 | 86.2 | 81.3 | 100.6 | 78.9 | 84.2 | 69.1 | 99.9 | 74.4 | 82.3 | 68.6 |
| April ............... | 86.6 | 87.0 | 81.6 | 100.7 | 79.3 | 85.3 | 69.5 | 100.6 | 74.5 | 83.4 | 70.8 |
| May $\qquad$ | 88.5 | 88.6 | 83.3 | 107.5 | 80.9 | 86.8 | 69.6 | 103.3 | 76.0 | 86.5 | 73.6 |
| June | 90.0 | 90.6 | 84.3 | 108.4 | 81.8 | 88.8 | 71.0 | 103.9 | 77.1 | 88.0 | 75.4 |
| July | 91.1 | 92.0 | 84.5 | 109.0 | 82.4 | 90.2 | 71.7 | 105.7 | 77.0 | 89.3 | 77.6 |
| August | 91.8 | 93.3 | 84.5 | 110.6 | 83.3 | 90.8 | 72.1 | 107.6 | 76.5 | 90.8 | 79.7 |
| September ........... | 93.2 | 95.2 | 85.6 | 111.3 | 84.6 | 92.4 | 73.3 | 108. 8 | 77.2 | 91.5 | 80.5 |
| October | 93.8 | 96.7 | 85.7 | 111.1 | 85.3 | 93.2 | 74.1 | 109 7 | 77.9 | 91.3 | 80.6 |
| November | 94.0 | 96.8 | 85.5 | 111.2 | 85.3 | 93.3 | 74.1 | 103.1 | 78.4 | 91.0 | 80.4 |
| December ............ | 93.6 | 95.5 | 85.8 | 111.6 | 85.5 | 92.4 | 74.6 | 108.8 | 78.9 | 91.7 | 80.4 |












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|  | Comnodi ty $\quad: \begin{aligned} & \text { d } \\ & \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of : } \\ & \text { Price : } \\ & \text { Serles: } \end{aligned}$ | Yeariy <br> Aversge $1.940$ | $\begin{aligned} & \vdots \text { Dec, } \\ & \vdots 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct。 } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. $1941$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 194 i \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index | 567 | 82.9 | 84.2 | 93.8 | 94.0 | 93.6 |
| 1. | Vegetabla Products | 135 | 72.1 | 70.8 | 80.2 | 80.1 | 80.6 |
|  | Fruits | 15 | 82.0 | 78,8 | 105.5 | ?.06.4 | 96.5 |
|  | Fresin | 4 | 84.8 | 81.0 | 110.6 | 111.8 | 98.6 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 79.1 | 77.3 | 92.9 | 93.1 | 92.9 |
|  | Canned |  | 67.9 | 66.9 | 87.6 | 87.6 | 87.6 |
|  | Grains | 23 | 55.7 | 52,9 | 56.9 | 56.2 | 57.6 |
|  | Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 74.4 | 74.6 | 77.1 | 75.8 | 77.3 |
|  | Bakery Products | 2 | 84.9 | 85.4 | 86.8 | 86.8 | 86.8 |
|  | Vegetable Oils | 8 | 73.9 | 70.5 | 129.9 | 128.6 | 129.8 |
|  | Rubber and Its Products | 9 | 69.1 | 71.9 | 75.8 | 75.7 | 75.7 |
|  | Sugar a nd Its Products and Glucose | - 8 | 101.3 | 103.8 | 220.3 | 120.3 | 120.4 |
|  | Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices | 15 | 88.5 | 89.5 | 126.0 | 125.9 | 119.8 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 65.3 | 55.4 | 68.3 | 70.8 | 77.4 |
| II. | Animals and Their Products | 76 | 79.1 | 83.5 | 101.1 | 101.8 | 98.9 |
|  | Fishery Products | 16 | 82.8 | 85.2 | 100.7 | 105.5 | 106.9 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 58.8 | 58. 5 | 95.6 | 95.5 | 92.5 |
|  | Hides amd Skins | 6 | 93.7 | 102.2 | 115.? | 117.7 | 119.3 |
|  | Leather, Unman ufactured | 9 | 104,1 | 99.2 | 120.6 | $\therefore 11.9$ | 111.9 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 2 | 101.2 | 100.6 | 107.2 | 1.07.7 | 107.7 |
|  | Live stock | 4 | 94.6 | 100,0 | 113.2 | 112.1 | 114.8 |
|  | Meats and Poultry | 10 | 79.9 | 80.1 | 101. 4 | 99.9 | 100.3 |
|  | Milk and Its Products | 12 | 78.7 | 87.4 | 101.8 | 203.0 | 98.8 |
|  | Fate | 5 | 45.4 | 44.3 | 85.1 | 80.1 | 70.3 |
|  | Eges | 3 | 63.9 | 80.7 | 92.9 | 100.4 | 81.9 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile <br> $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Procincts } & 85 & 83.8 & 84.4 & 97,7 & 96.7 & 94.9\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cotton, Raw | 2 | 69.6 | 72.3 | 114,7 | 113.9 | 119.0 |
|  | Cotton fabrics | 19 | 79.4 | 80,6 | 97,5 | 96.]. | 89.2 |
|  | Ka1t Goods | 3 | 88.4 | 88.9 | 104.1 | 104.1 | 104.1 |
|  | Flax, Kemp and Jute Products | 10 | 67.1 | 58.9 | 92.0 | 93.0 | 93.1 |
|  | Silk, Raw | 9 | 51.4 | 48.5 | 70.3 | 70,3 | 70.3 |
|  | Stik Hosiery | 2 | 72.2 | 71.7 | 73.1 | 78:6 | 73.1 |
|  | Stik Fabries | 4 | 69.0 | 69.0 | 69.0 | 69.0 | 69.0 |
|  | Artificial Silk Products | 5 | 49.0 | 48.1 | 50.4 | 50.4 | 50.4 |
|  | Wool, Rew | 3 | 91.3 | 92.5 | 95.1 | 94.7 | 94.7 |
|  | Wool Yosiery and knit goods | 5 | 106.5 | 108.1 | 108.8 | 108.8 | 108.8 |
|  | Wool Cioth | 6 | 104.8 | 104.5 | 106.3 | 105.2 | 105.2 |
| IV. |  |  |  | 91.3 | 98.3 | 98.3 | 98.4 |
|  | Newsprint and Wrapping Paper | 2 | 73,8 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 74.0 |
|  | Lumbe: | 33 | 103,6 | 108.0 | 126.5 | 126.7 | 127.1 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 102.8 | 108.9 | -08.9 | 1.08.9 | 108.9 |
|  | Furniture | 10 | 89.4 | 90.6 | 103:9 | 103.9 | 103.5 |
| V. | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 104.1 | 106.3 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.8 |
|  | Plg Ircn and Steel Billets | 3 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 1.01 .7 | 101.7 |
|  | Rolling Mill Products | 14 | 109. 6 | 110.2 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 117.0 |
|  | Har dware | 16 | 90.9 | 91.0 | 93.9 | 93.9 | 93.9 |
|  | wire | 3 | 97.2 | 97.2 | 100.4 | $\therefore 00,4$ | 100.4 |
|  | Scrap | 5 | 95.9 | 101.3 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.9 |
| VI. | Non-Fortous Metals and Thelr Products | 18 | 76.9 | 77.7 | 78:2 | 78.2 | 78.3 |
|  | Brass and Copper Products | 6 | 83.5 | 85.7 | 86.6 | 86.6 | 86.6 |
|  | Lead and Its Products | 2 | 52.1 | 62.1 | 62.1 | 62.1 | 62.1 |
|  | Tia Ingots | 2 | 87.6 | 85,8 | 92.7 | 92.7 | 93.7 |
|  | Zime and Its Products | 2 | 58.7 | 58.9 | 59.2 | 59.2 | 59.1 |
|  | Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 62 | 95.0 | 96.8 | 101.2 | 101.2 | 101.8 | (V and VI above)

## (1926=100)

| Commodity | No. of <br> Price <br> Serie | Yearly <br> Averag <br> . 1940 | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Dec. } \\ & : 1940 \end{aligned}$ | Oct. 1941 | Nov. $1941$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VII. Fon-Meialifc Minerals and Their Froducts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ciay ant Allied Material Products | 10 | 86.5 | 86.6 | 94.2 | 94.2 | 94.2 |
| Coal | 13 | 101.3 | 104.4 | 110.8 | 110.8 | 111.6 |
| Coke | 5 | 121.4 | 121.4 | 122.5 | 122.5 | 122.5 |
| Manufactured 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 |
| Petroleum Product: | 6 | 70.9 | 71.7 | 85.3 | 85.1 | 85.1 |
| Asphalt | 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 |
| Coment | 1 | 98.4 | 99.2 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 106.5 |
| Sand and Gravel | 8 | 84.8 | 87.6 | 87.3 | 87.3 | 89.6 |
| Crushed Stone | 3 | 67.6 | 65.8 | 78.0 | 80.3 | 87.6 |
| Building Stone | 3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 70.8 | 70.8 | 70.8 |
| Asoestos | 8 | 74.0 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
| VI.L. Slewicais and Allied Products | 77 | 87.9 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 103.6 | 103.8 |
| Irorganic Chemicals | 22 | 88.0 | 89.9 | 89.5 | 89.1 | 89.4 |
| Organic Chemicals | 6 | 77.7 | 80.8 | 87.6 | 87.6 | 90.4 |
| Coar Tar Products | 2 | 90.0 | 89.9 | 91.1 | 91.1 | 91.1 |
| Dyeing and Tanning Materials | 10 | 124.1 | 126.8 | 136.4 | 136.4 | 136.4 |
| Swplosives | 2 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 |
| Paints, Prepared | 2 | 71.8 | 71.8 | 82.5 | 82.5 | 82.5 |
| Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals | 10 | 118.2 | 131.1 | 171.5 | 172.9 | $172.9$ |
| Fertilizars | 10 | 85.6 | 85.9 | 88.1 | 88.1 | 88.1 |
| Indust,-ial Gases | 2 | 87.2 | 85.0 | 84.3 | 83.6 | 83.6 |

## PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION (1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS ' GOODS

| (Groups A and B) | 236 | 83.4 | 85.2 | 96.7 | 96.8 | 95.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. Foods. Teverages and Tobacco | 126 | 79.4 | 81.8 | 96.2 | 96.8 | 95.0 |
| Beverages | 9 | 94.0 | 94.1 | 131.7 | 131.3 | 123.3 |
| Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 74.4 | 74.6 | 77.1 | 76.8 | 77.3 |
| Bakery Products | 2 | 84.9 | 85.4 | 86.8 | 86.8 | 86.8 |
| Fish | 16 | 82.8 | 85.2 | 100.7 | 105.5 | 106.9 |
| Fruits | 15 | 82.0 | 78.8 | 105.5 | 100,4 | 96.5 |
| Meats and Poultry | 10 | 79.9 | 80.1 | 101.4 | 99.8 | 100.3 |
| Milk and Milk Products | 12 | 78.7 | 87.4 | 101.8 | 103.0 | 98.8 |
| Sugar and Its Products | 8 | 101.3 | 103.8 | 120.3 | 120.3 | 120.4 |
| Vegetables | 13 | 65.3 | 55.4 | 68.3 | 70.8 | 77.4 |
| Eiggs | 3 | 63.9 | 80.7 | 92.9 | 100.4 | 81.9 |
| Tobacco | 8 | 40.8 | 41.7 | 41.8 | 41.8 | 44.2 |
| 5. Other Consumers' Goods | 110 | 86.1 | 87.5 | 97.0 | 96.8 | 95.8 |
| Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Undervear | 52 | 87.4 | 87.8 | 96.7 | 96.3 | 93.9 |
| Household Equipment and Supplies | 58 | 85.2 | 87.3 | 97.2 | 97.2 | 97.3 |
| PRODUCERS ${ }^{\text {G GOODS }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Groups C and D) | 402 | 78.8 | 79.1 | 85.7 | 85.5 | 85.8 |
| C. Producers ' Equipment | 24 | 100.0 | 102.2 | 108.0 | 107.9 | 108.6 |
| Tools | 3 | 91.6 | 91.6 | 98.1 | 98.1 | 98.1 |
| Light, Heat and Power Equipinent and Supplies | 17 | 100.8 | 103.1 | 109.3 | 109.2 | 110.0 |
| Explosives | 2 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 |
| Miscellaneous | 2 | 99.3 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.8 |

(1926=100)

| Commodily | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { Price } \\ & \text { Series } \end{aligned}$ | Yearly Average 1940 | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Dec. } \\ & : 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Oct. } \\ & : 1941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : ~ N o v, ~ \\ & : \\ & : \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : ~ D e c . ~ \\ & : 1941 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| D. Producers: Mater ais | 378 | 76.4 | 76.5 | 83.2 | 83.0 | 83.3 |
| Building and Construction |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Matertals | 111 | 95.6 | 98.0 | 111.1 | 111.2 | 111.6 |
| * Lumber | 33 | 103.6 | 108.0 | 126.5 | 126.7 | 127.1 |
| Paint | 13 | 74.1 | 72.2 | 85.6 | 85.6 | 85.7 |
| Miscellaneous | 65 | 93.4 | 94.9 | 102.7 | 102.8 | 103.3 |
| Mantfactarers: Materials | 267 | 73.1 | 72.9 | 78.5 | 78.2 | 78.5 |
| Textiles anc Olothing | 64 | 81.7 | 82.3 | 94.5 | 93.4 | 90.3 |
| Furs and Leather Gcods | 24 | 87.0 | 85.6 | 106.1 | $10 \% .1$ | 106.2. |
| For Metal Working Industries | 41 | 83.1 | 83.9 | 85.5 | 85.6 | 85.6 |
| For Chemicel Using Industries | 43 | 92.7 | 95.0 | 97.9 | 97.6 | 98.2 |
| For Meat ?acking industries | 4 | 94.6 | 100.0 | 113.2 | 112.1 | 114.8 |
| For Miling and Other Industries Miscrelanoous Producersí | 23 | 55.7 | 52.9 | 56.9 | 56.2 | 57.6 |
| Matorials | 68 | 75.3 | 76.3 | 80.4 | 80.4 | 80.6 |

## ORI GIN CLASSIFICATION <br> (1926=100)

| Total Raw and Yartly Manufactured | 15 | 75.3 | 76.2 | 85.3 | 85.3 | 85.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total Fully ank Ohiefly Manufactured | 322 | 81.5 | 83.0 | 93.2 | 93.3 | 92.4 |

1. Articles of Earto Origin
(Domestie ana Foreign)
A. Field

| a) Raw and paicly manufactured | 95 | 59.4 | 57.2 | 66.1 | 66.0 | 67.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) FưTy and chiefly manufactured | 91 | 79.2 | 80.2 | 91.0 | 90.6 | 89.9 |
| (c) Totas | 186 | 70.1 | 69.6 | 79.5 | 79.2 | 79.3 |
| Antma? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Rew and partly manufactured | 46 | 84.1 | 88.4 | 101.0 | 101.0 | 99.4 |
| (3) Fully and chi efly manufactured | 59 | 78.6 | 81.6 | 97.1 | 97.5 | 94.8 |
| (c) Total | 105 | 81.0 | 84.5 | 98.8 | 99.0 | 96.8 |
| Canadian Fam Iroducts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (1) Treさa | 52 | 56.0 | 52.5 | 57.9 | 57.4 | 59.2 |
| (2) Animal | 18 | 85, 8 | 91.6 | 101.1 | 102.0 | 100.5 |
| (3) Lotal | 70 | 67.1 | 67.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.6 |

IT. Articies of Marine Origin
(a) Raw und partly manufactured
(3) Thrly ank chicfly manufactured
(c) Totel 16
$\begin{array}{lllll}74.6 & 74.6 & 84.5 & 89.1 & 92.4\end{array}$
$81.3 \quad 86.0 \quad 107.7 \quad 113.5 \quad 114.0$
$\begin{array}{lllll}79.5 & 82.9 & 101.4 & 106.9 & 108.2\end{array}$
III. Artiolos oi Forest Origin

| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 37 | 103.4 | 108.3 | 121.2 | 121.3 | 121.6 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (b) Fully artu chiefly manufactured | 20 | 75.5 | 75.8 | 77.6 | 77.6 | 77.5 |
| (c) Total | 57 | 88.5 | 90.9 | 97.9 | 98.0 | 98.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Articles of Minoral Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and pertly manufactured | 62 | 88.9 | 90.8 | 93.6 | 93.6 | 94.0 |
| (b) Fuily and chiefly manufactured | 141 | 92.0 | 93.3 | 100.3 | 100.6 | 100.8 |
| (c) Totai | 203 | 90.6 | 92.2 | 97.3 | 97.5 | 97.8 |

[^0](All prices glven in canadon funds)

| Commodity |  | Yearly Average 1940 | $\begin{aligned} & : \quad \text { Dec, } \\ & : \quad 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 194I } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { De o. } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OATS, No, $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. |  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Ft. William and Pt.Arthur aash basis Mreat, No. 1 Man. Northern | Bush. | .351 | . 333 | . 473 | . 444 | . 470 |
| Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's | Bush. | . 792 | . 734 | .737 | . 732 | . 744 |
| cotton, Toronto |  | 5.706 | 5.650 | 5.050 | 5.050 | 5.050 |
| STGAR, granulated, Montreal | Cwt. | 5.765 | 5,893 | 6.893 | 6.893 | 6.893 |
| RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbod, smoked sheets, f.o.b. New York | Lb. | . 236 | . 255 | 277 | 275 | . 275 |
| LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal | Gal. | . 853 | . 670 | . 870 | . 870 | . 870 |
| (A) CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 1bs. Toronte | Cwt. | 7.858 | 8.630 | 8.810 | 8,630 | 8.900 |
| (B) HoGs, B.1, Dressed, Toronto | Cwt. | 8.700 | 8.168 | 14.780 | 14.780 | 14.890 |
| BEEF PIDES, Packer Pides, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nat1ve Steers, Toronto | Lb. | . 136 | . 155 | . 150 | . 150 | . 150 |
| LEATYER, Packer crops, No. 1 and 11, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| f.o.b. Distributing points BOY SIDES D, | Lb, | . 461 | . 460 | . 480 | . 480 | , 480 |
| f.o.b. Ont. factory | Ft. | . 251 | . 190 | . 240 | . 240 | . 240 |
| BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal <br> CrPEESE, Cenadien old, I | Lb. | .275 | . 358 | . 343 | . 352 | . 353 |
| Montreal | Lb. | . 230 | . 228 | . 350 | . 370 | . 370 |
| EGGS, Grade "A" large, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | DOz. | . 319 | . 365 | . 499 | .506 | . 384 |
| COTTON, raw ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ - 1 1/16" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hamilt on | Lb, | . 136 | . 139 | . 217 | . 215 | - 223 |
| COTTON YARNS, 10 s white single |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hosiery cops, Mill | Lb. | . 301 | . 293 | . 380 | . 380 | , 350 |
| SILK, raw, special grand XX |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85 p.c. New York, 13-15 denlers | Lb. | 3,324 | 3.193 | 4.463 | 4.463 | 4.463 |
| W00L, eastern bricht $1 / 4$ blood |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| domestic, f.o.b. ontario | Lb. | . 303 | . 310 | . 310 | . 310 | . 310 |
| WOOL, western range, semi-bright |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2 blood, domestic f.o.b. Ontaric | Lb. | . 238 | . 240 | . 264 | . 260 | . 260 |
| (c) PULP, groundwood, No. 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| delivered, New England | TOn | 32.281 | 32.948 | 44.000 | 44,000 | 44.000 |
| STEEL, Merchant bars, mild | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mill | Lbs. | 2.550 | 2.550 | 2.754 | 2.754 | 2.754 |
| PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.0.b. | Gross |  |  |  |  |  |
| plant | Ton | 25.500 | 25.500 | 25.500 | 25.500 | 25.500 |
| COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | Cwt. | 11.455 | 11.500 | 11.500 | 11.500 | 11.500 |
| LEAD, 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 | . 595 | . 620 | . 620 | . 620 |
| 2INC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | Cwt. | 5.150 | 5.150 | 5.150 | 5.150 | 5.150 |
| COAL, Anthracite, Toronto |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| f.o.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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto | Gal. | . 159 | . 165 | . 215 | . 215 | .215 |
| SULPNURIC ACID 66\% Baume | Net |  |  |  |  |  |
| f.o.b. works | Ton | 17.000 | 17.000 | 18.000 | 1a,000 | 18.000 |

[^1]MONTYTY WFOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF SINCLE COMMODI TIES, 1940-1941. (1926=100)


## INDIXX MUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, DECTMBER 1, 1941

(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 $1935-1939=100$, declined from 116.3 on November lst to 115.8 on December lst.

This was due almost entirely to the index for 46 food items which declined from 125.4 to 123.8 . Sharp reductions in egg prices and lesser ones for fruits and meats were of more consequence than smell advances for dairy products and vegetables.

The clothing group index dropped back 0.1 to 119.9 on December lst, but homefurnishings and services remained unchanged.

Indexes for fuel, rentals and miscellaneous items were unchanged.
An index for retail prices alone declined from 121.4 to 120.6.
INDEX NUMBYRS OF IIVING COSTS, 1913-DECAMBER 1. 1941.
$(1935-1939=100)$

| $(1935-1939=100)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Index | Food <br> Index | Rent <br> Index | $\vdots$ Fuel $\vdots$ and $\vdots$ Inght- $\vdots$ ing $\vdots$ | Cloth- <br> ing <br> Index | Home <br> Furni shings and <br> M1scellaneous Index | Retail <br> Prices Index (Commodities only) |
| 1913 | 79.7 | 88.3 | 74.3 | 76.9 | 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 | 152.8 | 80.2 | 92.2 | 152.3 | 91.4 |  |
| 1920 | 150.5 | 188.1 | 100.2 | 119.9 | 213.1 | 110.3 |  |
| 1926 | 121.8 | 133.3 | 115.9 | 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 | - |

## Home

Percentage
Increase
Since
Aug. 1, 1939

|  |  | .1. |  |  |  |  |  | Index | Index |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 |  |  | 96.2 | 94.6 | 94.0 | 100.9 | 97.6 | 95.4 | 98.7 | 95.9 |
| 1936 |  |  | 98.1 | 97.8 | 96.1 | 101. 5 | 99.3 | 97.2 | 99.1 | 98.1 |
| 1937 |  |  | 101.2 | 103.2 | 99.7 | 98.9 | 101.4 | 101.5 | 100.1 | 102.0 |
| 1938 |  |  | 102.2 | 103.8 | 103.1 | 97.7 | 100.9 | 102.4 | 101.2 | 102.8 |
| 1939 |  |  | 101.5 | 100.6 | 103.8 | 101.2 | 100.7 | 101.4 | 101.4 | 101.0 |
| 1940 |  |  | 105.6 | 105.6 | 106.3 | 107.1 | 109.2 | 107.2 | 102.3 | 106.6 |
| 1939 | Aug. 1. |  | 100.8 | 99.3 | 103.8 | 99.0 | 100.1 | 100.9 | 101.3 | 100.0 |
| 1940 | Oct. 1 | 6.2 | 107.0 | 106.1 | 107.7 | 108.0 | 113.5 | 109.7 | 102.8 | 108.4 |
|  | Nov. 1 | 6.9 | 107.8 | 108.7 | 107.7 | 108.5 | 113.5 | 110.0 | 102.8 | 109.7 |
|  | Dec. 2 | 7.1 | 108.0 | 109.1 | 107.7 | 108.5 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 102.8 | 110.0 |
| 1941 | Jan. 2 | 7.4 | 108.3 | 109.7 | 107.7 | 108.6 | 113.7 | 110.8 | 103.1 | 110.4 |
|  | Feb. 1 | 7.3 | 108.2 | 108.8 | 107.7 | 108.7 | 114.1 | 111.5 | 103.1 | 110.1 |
|  | Mar. 1 | 7.3 | 108.2 | 109.0 | 107.7 | 108.9 | 114.2 | 111.6 | 102.9 | 110.2 |
|  | Apr.1 | 7.7 | 108.6 | 110.1 | 107.7 | 108.9 | 114.3 | 111.7 | 102.9 | 110.7 |
|  | May 1 | 8.5 | 109.4 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.2 | 114.5 | 111.8 | 105.1 | 110.9 |
|  | June 2 | 9.6 | 110.5 | 112.5 | 109.7 | 110.2 | 114.9 | 112.1 | 105.6 | 112.7 |
|  | July 2 | 11.0 | 111.9 | 116.6 | 109.7 | 110.5 | 115.1 | 113.0 | 105.6 | 114.9 |
|  | Aug. 1 | 12.8 | 113.7 | 121.3 | 109.7 | 110.5 | 115.7 | 114.3 | 106.1 | 117.7 |
|  | Sept. 2 | 13.8 | 114.7 | 123.3 | 109.7 | 110.9 | 117.4 | 115.8 | 106.4 | 119.4 |
|  | Oct. 1 | 14.6 | 115.5 | 123.2 | 111.2 | 112.1 | 119.6 | 117.3 | 106.5 | 120.1 |
|  | Nov. 1 | 15.4 | 116.3 | 125.4 | 111.2 | 112.7 | 120.0 | 117.9 | 106.7 | 121.4 |
|  | Dec. 1 | 14.9 | 115.8 | 123.8 | 111.2 | 112.7 | 119.9 | 117.9 | 106.7 | 120.6 |

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| General Cost of Living |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1940 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | 107. 5 | 105.4 | 107.1 | 104.2 | 104.6 | 105.3 | 103.7 | 103.7 |
| 1941 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June | 108.8 | 109.1 | 112.1 | 108.7 | 10\%.8 | 110.3 | 107.0 | 107.5 |
| Augret | 111.6 | 112.5 | 115.3 | 111.7 | 110.3 | 113.1 | 109.8 | 110.4 |
| October | 112.7 | 113.2 | 116.3 | 114.0 | 112.2 | 115.7 | 111.4 | 112.3 |
| December | 113.1 | 114.5 | 116.8 | 114.5 | 113.1 | 116.4 | 111.4 | 112.4 |
|  |  |  | Foods |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\underline{1940}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Augus $t$ | 112.3 | 108.4 | 106.0 | 104.5 | 107.9 | 106.1 | 104.6 | 105.8 |
| 1941 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June | 115.2 | 111.? | 116.0 | 111.3 | 112.0 | 111.5 | 110.6 | 112.7 |
| August | 124.6 | 120.4 | 125.0 | 119.6 | 119.5 | 120.2 | 118.9 | 120.4 |
| October | 124.7 | 119.4 | 125.9 | 122.3 | 121.6 | 126.1 | 121.8 | 124.0 |
| Dejember | 126.4 | 122.5 | 126. 5 | 123.5 | 124.1 | 127.1 | 121.1 | 124.1 |
|  |  |  | Rent |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1940.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Augus 4 | 106.8 | 100.0 | 109.3 | 102.9 | 101.2 | 104.0 | 100.3 | 99.2 |
| $1941$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | 103.7 | 105.9 | 108. 3 | 106.1 | 104.3 | 112.9 | 100.0 | 99.4 |
| October | 104.2 | 10\%.3 | 108.3 | 108.5 | 104.4 | 113.1 | 100.0 | 99.4 |
| December .. | 104.2 | 107. 3 | 108.3 | 108.5 | 104.4 | 113.1 | 100.0 | 99.4 |


| 1940 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| August | 104.1 | 104.3 | 113.6 | 110.0 | 104.6 | 107.0 | 104.9 | 108.8 |
| 1941 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June | 105.9 | 106.5 | 114,8 | 113.6 | 105.5 | $10 \% .0$ | 98.0 | 108.8 |
| August | 105.9 | 106.5 | 114.8 | 113.6 | 105.5 | $10 \% .0$ | 98.0 | 108.8 |
| October | 105.9 | 106.5 | 114.8 | 116.1 | 107.1 | 107.0 | 99.4 | 111.5 |
| December | 105.9 | 109.5 | 116.3 | 117.7 | 107.1 | 107.0 | 99.4 | 111.5 |
| Clothing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1940 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | 110.2 | 110.6 | 110.6 | 107.3 | 106.9 | 109.6 | 109.7 | 109.3 |
| 19.11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June | 112.7 | 115.9 | 118.5 | 112.3 | 109.7 | 114.3 | 115.5 | 113.2 |
| August . . . . . . . . | 112.8 | 116.7 | 119.4 | 113.1 | 110.1 | 114.9 | 116.4 | 114.? |
| October | 116.4 | 121.0 | 122.5 | 117.3 | 11.6 | 118.3 | 122.1 | 118.3 |
| December | 116.1 | 120.8 | 123.1 | 117.3 | 117.1 | 119.9 | 122.9 | 118.8 |

Home Furnishings and Services
1940


CITY COST OF IIVING INDEX NUMBERS, DECIMBER 1. 1941. (August $1939=100$ )
December lst cost-of-living indexes for regional cities were higher than October Int levels in seven out of eight cases. For Edmonton alone, no change occurred, as a lower food index was balanced by small increases for clothing, furnishings and miscellancous items. Food indexes in the other seven cities showed varying advances, while clothing and furnishings also moved up moderately in most areas. Fuel and lighting indexes were higher in Saint John, Montreal, and Toronto, but remained unchanged elsewhere.
(1935-1939=100)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hali- } \\ & \text { fax } \end{aligned}$ | Saint <br> John | Montreal | Tor- <br> onto | Winni peg | Saske toon | Edmon ton | Vancouver |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{1939}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| September | 97.4 | 100.0 | 99.? | 99.0 | 100.? | 97.4 | 100.0 | 97.4 |
| October | 106.2 | 106.9 | 109.4 | 106.7 | 108.2 | 108.3 | 108.5 | 104.2 |
| lovember | 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 | 10\%.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 | 108.1 | 108.2 | 104.9 | 109.0 | 105.9 | 105.8 | 103.2 |
| August | 111.9 | 108.9 | 106.1 | 104.? | 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 |
| Jovember | 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 |
| April | 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.? | 109.0 | 110.8 | 110.6 |
| July | 120.3 | 115.6 | 120.8 | 116.1 | 116.2 | 111.5 | 114.0 | 115.9 |
| Augrst | 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 |
| December | 125.9 | 123.0 | 127.2 | 123.7 | 124.8 | 124.3 | 121.3 | 121.8 |

RETAIL FOOD PRICE CHANGES, NOVEMBRR 1 TO DECHMBER $1,1941$.

December 1 retail food price index numbers showed declines in six out of eight regional cities. The two exceptions were Winnipeg and Saskatoon for which fractional increases were recorded. Declines were mainly attributable to eggs, meats, and fresh fruits. Butter and cheese prices in Winnipeg and Saskatoon moved higher while eggs failed to show the same sharp declines occurring in most other areas.

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## INVESTORS' TNDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

An upward reaction occurred on domestic securlty markets during the second half of Desomber and gains in industrial, utility and bank common stocks almost counterblanced losses earlier ti the month. The Investors' price index of 95 common issues moved lower from 68.5 to 68.2 between November 27 and January 2 , for a net less of 0.4 p.c. Industzials declined 0.2 p.c. to 65.1 , utilities $0.4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. to 69.9 and banks $1.6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. to 90.3 . In the industrial section six out of nine sub-groups showed recessions. Leading the decline were the di.g down 8.7 p.c. to 48.5 , followed by the pulp and paper stooks down 6.8 D.e. to 71.5 , machinery and equipment 5.1 p.c. to 74.5 and miliing $4.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. to 72.4 . Industrial mices zained $8,2 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$, to 73.7 . Transportation stocks in the utilities fell Ial poce to $62 . \mathscr{\Sigma}_{,}$wile other changes in this group were fractional. The Bureau's monthly price inciex for Conmon stock issues at 71.3 in January 1941 was the high for the year; it recaded to a low of 63.9 in May, moved back to 71.0 in September, and closed at 67.2 in Decomber.

## MINING STOCK PRICES

The price index of mining stocks registered a loss of 1.4 p.e. from 64.2 on November 27 to 63.3 on January 2. However, some improvement was shown in the final week. Golds dropped from 54.3 to 51.4 for a decrease of $5.3 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$., while base metals rose from 83.8 to 86.8 for a gain of 3.6 p.c. An index for mining issues indicated a loss of approximately $2 I p, c$ during 1941. The Bureau's index for twenty-two golds closed l.4 p.t. above the Deomics 26 low, while base metals at the close wore $7.7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$, higher than the low point of Nay 22. The monthly price index of twenty-five mining issues fell from 65.0 in rovenjeer to 63.2 in December.

|  | Jan. 2 | Nov. 27 |  | Jan. 2 | Nor. 27 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beattio .o............ | \$*. 95 | \$ 1.04 | Little Long Lac....... | \$1.30 | \$ 1.52 |
| Bralorne | *9. 25 | 10.37 | Macassa ................. | 2.80 | 3.15 |
| Burfaio-Ankerfto ano. | *2. 65 | 3.15 | MoIntyre | 45,00 | 45.00 |
| Carlboc Goila quartz : | *1.72 | 1.99 | Pickle Crow | 2.34 | 2.65 |
| Contrai Fatricia ...eco | 1.30 | 1.45 | Plozeer ................ | 2.15 | 2.18 |
| Dome .o................ | 16.00 | 16.75 | San Antonio ............ | 2.05 | 2.18 |
| God's Lake 20000000000 | *. 18 | . 23 | Siscoe .................. | . 49 | . 51 |
| Ycilinger .0.0.0...0.0. | 10.00 | 10.50 | Sylvanite ............... | 1.91 | 2.05 |
| Kirkiand Laka .o...... | . 55 | . 64 | Teck-Kughes ............ | 2.25 | 2.40 |
| Leke Share 0.000000 .0 | 10.87 | 11.75 | Uch1 .................... | . 05 | . 08 |
| Lemaque Goid Minos ... | *4.10 | 3.90 | Wright-Hargreaves ...... | 2.85 | 2.85 |
| BASE METALS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge $80 . \ldots$ | 3.20 | 3.30 | Noranda .................. | 50.25 | 49.12 |
| Hudson Bay no.c.c...... | 28.00 | 26.25 |  |  |  |

* Latesi closing quotations prior to January 2.


## FREFERRED STOCKS

Botwuen November and December the Bureau's 1ndex number of preforred stock prices fell aimost 2 p.c. to 100.7. The corresponding December 1940 index was 101.7. The highest poini for 1941 was reached in September when the index stood at 103,2 , and the low occurred in May when the index was 96.3 . Recessions were apparent in practically all groups in Desember. Machinery and equipment dropped 3.1 p.c., followed by foods down $2.7 \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{c}=$, milling $2.3 \mathrm{p.c}$. and building $2.1 \mathrm{p.c}$. below November levels. pulp and paper and powar declined more moderately to show $105 s e s$ or $1.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$, and $1.9 \mathrm{p}, 0$. respectively, while oils, textiles, beverages and tobacco made fractional changes only.

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

| 1935 |  | 33.7 | 89.0 | 85.9 | 83.5 | 82.5 | 82.5 | 84.0 | 85.5 | 83.5 | 83.8 | 87.5 | 89.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1936 |  | 90.3 | 83.1 | 92.0 | 91.7 | 90.0 | 91.9 | 95.9 | 97.2 | 101.1 | 104.7 | 109.9 | 113.3 |
| -1937 |  | 119.7 | 121.1 | 123.8 | 124.4 | 120.9 | 119.8 | 119.9 | 122.4 | 109.8 | 99.2 | 98.9 | 97.7 |
| 1938 | -0.0.0. | 200,6 | 99.0 | 93.5 | 94.3 | 96.6 | 98.7 | 105.2 | 104.7 | 98.1 | 106.2 | 105.5 | 104.8 |
| 1939 | 0,00000 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 95.3 | 98.8 | 100.1 | 97.7 | 100.5 | 107.4 | 108.7 | 110.1 |
| 1940 |  | 110.7 | 109.7 | 108.8 | 108.9 | 96.7 | 86.9 | 89.0 | 93.9 | 99.1 | 100.7 | 103.0 | 101.7 |
| 1941 |  | 1.01 .4 | 97.6 | 98.7 | 97.9 | 96.3 | 96.8 | 98.5 | 100.0 | 103.2 | 102.2 | 102.6 | 100.7 |

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INVESTORS' MONTH Y INDEX NTMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS


| No. of Stocks 1.941 |  | Gold 22 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Base } \\ & \text { Metals } \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { Index } \\ & 25 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| x1929 - High |  | 76.2 |  | 127.3 |  | 89.2 |
| Low |  | 44.8 |  | 63.0 |  | 60.6 |
| - ${ }^{\text {² }} 932$ - High |  | 53.6 |  | 32.9 |  | 45.2 |
| Low |  | 41.2 |  | 17.0 |  | 32.6 |
| 지933- High |  | 95.0 |  | 57.7 |  | 81.4 |
| Low |  | 55.1 |  | 2\%,3 |  | 45.4 |
| ㅈ1934 - H1gh |  | 119.0 |  | 67.1 |  | 99.9 |
| 1035 Low |  | 87.6 |  | 50.0 |  | 74.8 |
| 71935- Figh |  | 111.4 |  | 84.7 |  | 95.3 |
| Low |  | 88.9 |  | 51.5 |  | 80.1 |
| x1936 - Plgh |  | 115.7 |  | 128.9 |  | 118.8 |
| Low |  | 100.5 |  | 82.3 |  | 94.4 |
| 21937 - H1gh |  | 120.0 |  | 142.7 |  | 225.6 |
| Low |  | 84.7 |  | 73.3 |  | 80.8 |
| Ki. $938-\mathrm{High}$ |  | 106.6 |  | 129.1 |  | 112.2 |
| Low |  | 89.3 |  | 82.8 |  | 87.3 |
| X1.239-H1gh |  | 105.7 |  | 130.1 |  | 113.5 |
| Low |  | 82.5 |  | 109.6 |  | 91.9 |
| x $39.40-\mathrm{Hfgh}$ |  | 92.1 |  | 122.4 |  | 102.2 |
| Low |  | 55.8 |  | 69.5 |  | 60.5 |
| 21941 - Eigh |  | 75.2 |  | 96.1 |  | 80.6 |
| - Low |  | 50.7 |  | 80.6 |  | 61.0 |
| S6iptember |  | 84.6 |  | 119.4 |  | 96.0 |
| 0:tiober |  | 90.5 |  | 119.9 |  | 100.9 |
| Notember |  | 90.3 |  | 121.7 |  | 100.9 |
| December |  | 89.2 |  | 119.3 |  | 99.3 |
| 19\%0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jenuary |  | 91.1 |  | 119.6 |  | 100.9 |
| February |  | 86.5 |  | 115,3 |  | 96.2 |
| Merch |  | 82.0 |  | 112.8 |  | 92.5 |
| April |  | 81.3 |  | 110.8 |  | 91.2 |
| May |  | 67.6 |  | 88.5 |  | 74.5 |
| June |  | 57.7 |  | 74.7 |  | 63.4 |
| Ju. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 59.1 |  | 75.1 |  | 64.8 |
| August |  | 64.6 |  | 83.7 |  | 71.0 |
| Soptember |  | 70.8 |  | 91.0 |  | 77.5 |
| 0 otober |  | 72.9 |  | 91.3 |  | 79.2 |
| November |  | 76.3 |  | 94.5 |  | 82.4 |
| Decembex |  | 74.9 |  | 90.0 |  | 80.2 |
| 1941 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jənuary |  | 74.4 |  | 89.2 |  | 79.4 |
| Feoruary |  | 70.6 |  | 83:2 |  | 74.9 |
| Nite'ch |  | 70.0 |  | 84.7 |  | 75.1 |
| Apm11 |  | 69.0 |  | 87.6 |  | 75.1 |
| May |  | 66.1 |  | 81.2 |  | 71.2 |
| Ј12ロ5 |  | 64.4 |  | 83.9 |  | 71.0 |
| Jill y |  | 66.2 |  | 91.3 |  | 74.6 |
| August |  | 66.0 |  | 91.7 |  | 74.6 |
| September |  | 66.0 |  | 94.0 |  | 75.4 |
| ostober |  | 60.8 |  | 87.4 |  | 69.7 |
| November |  | 54.9 |  | 85.0 |  | 65,0 |
| Deceraber |  | 52.2 |  | 84 : 0 Ó |  | 63.2 |
| Weekly Index Numbers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7Wesk ending December | 4th | 54.9 |  | 85.4 |  | 65.1 |
| " " | 11th | 52.7 |  | 84.9 |  | 63.5 |
| " " " | 18th | 51.5 |  | 85,5 |  | 62.9 |
| " | 26 th | 50.7 |  | 81.4 |  | 61.0 |
| 1942 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week ending Jonuary | 2nd | 51.4 |  | 86.8 |  | 63.3 |
| " " " | 8th | 51.1 |  | 84.1 |  | 62.2 |

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## INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS

Price movements of Dominion of Canada long-term bonds were narrow in December and the Bureau's monthly average index, on the base 1935-1939=100, was unchanged at the November level of 102.0. Recovering from a minor reaction on November 28th, in which it dropped 0.2 to 102.1, the dally index rose again to 102.3 on December 3rd, and remained at this point until the 6th. By the 11 th, it had declined to 101.9 , but made no further change during the balance of the month. The net decrease for December amounted to 0.2. The index of yields remained at 93.6, a point 3.4 below December 1940. While price changes were of moderate proportions in the provincial section, the tendency was downward, especially in Westerns. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, rose from 90.9 for November to $92.6 . f\left(\begin{array}{l}\text { December, and the average yield of the issues included in the index }\end{array}\right.$ 1acreased from 3.20 to 3.26.

British Consols rose from $821 / 4$ to $823 / 4$, wh1le the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds declined from 90.10 to 88.15 . Comparative figures for December 30, 1940, were $765 / 8$ and 90.73 .

MONTYLY INDEX NTMBERS OF DOMTNION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICES, 1935-1941. (From data issued by A. E. Ames and Co. Ltd.)
$(1935-1939=100)$

|  | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 | 1940 | 1941 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January .......... | 100.5 | 38.1 | 102.1 | 99.8 | 102.1 | 97.4 | 100.8 |
| February ......... | 99.0 | 99.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 102.2 | 98.1 | 100.9 |
| March | 99.4 | 99.9 | 97.7 | 100.3 | 102.9 | 98.1 | 101.0 |
| April .0...o.o... | 99.0 | 100.1 | 97.3 | 101.1 | 102.2 | 98.9 | 100.9 |
| Miy | 100.0 | 100.2 | 97.9 | 101.8 | 101.6 | 99.2 | 100.8 |
| Jine | 98.9 | 101.2 | 98.8 | 101.5 | 102.5 | 98.5 | 100.5 |
| July | 99.1 | 102.0 | 99.0 | 101.3 | 102.6 | 98,6 | 100.8 |
| Alcgust | 99.3 | 103.1 | 99.5 | 101.2 | 101.7 | 99.1 | 101.2 |
| September ........ | 96.2 | 103.4 | 99.6 | 100.1 | 94.3 | 99.5 | 101.3 |
| october | 93.1 | 101.6 | 98.6 | 100.6 | 95.7 | 99.7 | 101.4 |
| November | 97.4 | 101.9 | 98.7 | 101.8 | 97.7 | 100.1 | 102.0 |
| December | 97.2 | 102.4 | 99.6 | 102.1 | 96.9 | 100.5 | 102.0 |

MONTYLV INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1935-1941. (1935-1939=100)

|  | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 | 1940 | 1941 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January ......... | 102.4 | 106.5 | 94.1 | 99.2 | 93.5 | $1 \overline{103.3}$ | 96.3 |
| February ........ | 105.9 | 103.6 | 99.0 | 98.6 | 93.8 | 101.9 | 96.1 |
| Merch no......... | 104.1 | 102.4 | 105.0 | 97.9 | 92.1 | 101.9 | 95.8 |
| April | 104.5 | 101.8 | 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 | 98.8 | 108.7 | 98.9 | 95.2 |
| Octuber ......... | 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 | 93.6 |

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS,1941*


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## NONTYY INDEXES OR AMMRICAN STCCK DRICRS, $1938-1941$.

(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade and Securities)
$(1935-1939=100)$


Indexes available to 1871.


[^0]:    * Includes both cionestic and export prices.

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

[^2]:    Order-in-Council P.C. 8253 (October 2\%, 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 measur-
    ed 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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[^4]:    $x$ Weekly figures. $f$ Computed from Thursday closing quotations from May $22 n d$.

[^5]:    * Based upon an average of dally figures for the week ending on dates specified.

[^6]:    + Since September 16,1939 quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate set by the Foreign Exchange Gontrol Board. po current buying and selling rate for sterling is \$4.43 and \$4.47 respectively and for U.S. funds \$l.10 and \$1.11. (x Free Rate).

