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## PRICE MOVRMRNTS, APRIL, 1941.

NYOLESAIF: Although weekly general wholesale price indexes averaged appreciably higher in April than in March, the week-to-week changes during April were small, and only in the final week did the general wholesale index show any increase. The index of 86.7 for the week ending May 1 compared with a March average of 85.9 . The more sensitive industrial material group index moved up from 82.3 in March to close at 83.2 in April, but this wes 0.6 below a mid-month peak. Net increases for April were registered by steers, cattle, hides, cotton seed oil, tin ingots, hemp, and rubber, while crude oil, oats, wheat, linseed oil, and rosin moved lower. Canadian Farm Products weakened in the latter haif of April to close at 69.2, only 0.1 above the March average.
COST OF LIVING: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost of living index for Canada advanced from 108.2 on March 1 to 108.6 on April 1. The increase was due mainly to a rise in the food index from 109.0 to 110.1 . Butter and sugar were the main contributing factors, although meats, cereals, vegetables and fruits were also firmer. The clotbing index increased fractionally from 114.2 to 114.3 , and home furnishings and services also moved up 0.1 to 111.7. Other groups remained unchanged, fuel at 108.9, rents at 107.7 , and miscellaneous 1 tems at 102.9.
SECURITIES: Almost without exception security price indexes were above March averages at the beginning of April, but at the ond of April they had drifted to levels appreolably below the corresponding indexes for March. The Investors' price index for 95 common stocks was 64.5 for the final week of April as compared with a March average of 66.8. Losses were quite general as indicated by corresponding indexes of 60.9 and 63.1 for Industrials, and 66.5 and 70.7 for Utilities. Mining stock prices also moved lower. The gold sectional index for the month of March was 70.0 , which was 2.2 above the final weekly figure for April. Base metals moved down from 89.0 to 84.1 between the first and last weeks of April, but the latter flgure was only 0.3 below the March everage. An index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields held at 95.8 at the end of April, the same as the March avèrage.
FOREIGN EXCFANGE: Unofficial rates on the Canadian dollar at New York reacted strongly to news of the new economic agreoment between the United States and Canada, and the New York discount narrowed from $151 / 8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. at the end of March to $111 / 8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. on April 20 th, where it tended to stabilize for the balance of the month. Sterling free rates at New York touched a low of $\$ 4.001 / 2$ on April 18, but closed at $\$ 4.03$ for practically no net change. The Greek drachme was removed from trading at New York on April 28. Further weakness in Chinese currencies was followed on April 25 by the signing of an agreement providing a stabilization fund of $\$ 50,000,000$ from the United States. A similar agreement with the United Kingdom provided an additional £5,000,000 for stabilization purposes.

## SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES

(1926=100 for Wholesale Prices)
(2935-39=100 for Cost of Living and Security Prices)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ | April, 1941 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 10th | $\frac{\text { Week ended }}{17 \mathrm{th}:} \frac{24 \mathrm{th}}{-}$ |  | May 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WFOLESALET |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General - 567 Price Series | 83.1 | 85.9 | 86.5 | 86.5 | 86.4 | 86.7 |
| Industrial Materials | 79.4 | 82.3 | 83.2 | 83.8 | 83.3 | 83.2 |
| Canadian Farm Products | 72.1 | 69.1 | 69.5 | 69.5 | 69.4 | 69.2 |
| COST OF LIVING (lst of month) | 104.6 | 108.2 |  | -- 10 | . 6 |  |
| Investors' Price Index(95 common stocks) | 88.4 | 66.8 | 66.5 | 65.2 | 65.1 | 64.5 |
| 68 Industrials | 85.1 | 63.1 | 63.4 | 61.9 | 61.6 | 60.9 |
| 19 Utilities | 93.4 | 70.7 | 68.1 | 66.9 | 67.2 | 66.5 |
| Mining Stock Price Index(25 stocks) | 91.2 | 75.1 | 75.8 | 74.2 | 74.1 | 73.5 |
| 22 Golds | 81.3 | 70.0 | 69.4 | 68.3 | 68.1 | 67.8 |
| 3 Base Metals ............................. | 110.8 | 84.7 | 89.0 | 85.9 | 85.8 | 84.1 |
| Dorinion of Cenada Long-Term Bonds ........ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Price Index | 98.9 | 101.0 | 100.9 | 100.9 | 100.9 | 101.0 |
| Yield Index | 100.2 | 95.8 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 95.8 |
| $\frac{\text { FOREIGN EXCPANGE QUOTATIONS }}{\text { - noon rates }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. dollars x ....................dollars | 1.1050 | 12.1050 | 1.1050 | 1.1050 | 1.1050 | 1.1050 |
| Sterlingx ........................dollars | 4.4500 | 14.4500 | 4.4500 | 4.4500 | 4.4500 | 4.4500 |

7 Week ends Friday instead of Thursday. x Average of daily buying and selling rates set by the Canadian Foreign Exrhange Control Board since September 18, 1939.

## PEVIBN OF TMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WTFEAT AND OTYF:R CRAINS: FOllowing moderate strength during the first part of April, what prices weakened somewhat in the second half, No.l Manitoba northern (Fort William and Port Arthur basis) closing at $757 / 8 ¢$ per bushel, unchanged from the March close. Final prices for Nc. 2 and No. 3 Manitoba northern of $733 / 8 \phi$ and $711 / 8 \phi$ per bushel were respectively $3 / 4$ and $1 / 4$ of a cent lower then quotations at the end of March. Latest estimates indicated that farmers were seeding about $25 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. less land to wheat this season than last. owing to the late spring, however, only about 45 p.c. of western acreage intended for crops was seeded by the end of April.

Over the month Candiai exports of wheat and flour reached a total of 33 million bushels against. 20 miliiois in March and 21 million bushels in April, 1940. Early opening of Great Lakes Javigation was partially responsible for this increase, four ships having cleared the head of the iakes with over one million bushels of grain during the week of April 10. This was the earliest opening on record since 1921.

In othen important wheas produciag countries orop conditions differed majarially. Reports from the tniteß Stetes and Anzentine indicated good crop planting conditions while in the foingr evuntry the domestic winter wheat crop was privately estimated on May 1 at 640 million bushels as compared with Si6 million bushels on April 1, 1941. In Australia, however, extreme dryyess has held up seeding operations as it did'in 1940 when the smallest orop in $2 . l$ years wes harvested.

After displaying const derable strength in March, coarse grain prices, with the exception of rye, were milh weater in April. Following several months of sharp increases flax prices were exceptionaily weak. No. Cow. closing down $321 / 8 \phi$ at $i 1.49$ per bushel. Feed barley prices dropped shex's $20 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. , No. 1 feed finishing at $451 / 4 \phi$ per bushel as against $525 / 8$ en Narch 31. Oats No. $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. reacted from 37 d per bushel on March 31 to $355 / 8$ d on Apill 30 , which compared with a mid-month peak of $39 \not \subset$ on the 18 th. Rye prices showed a declining tendency dixing the first three weeks of the month but then stiffened to $565 / 8 \phi$ per bushel for No. $2 \mathrm{C}_{0}$ W. as against $563 / 8 \phi$ a month earlier.

|  | 1940 | 1941 | 1941 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | March | April |
| ```Description (Basis, cash per bushel), Fort Wirifarm and Fort Artiur basis)``` | ¢ | ¢ | ¢ |
| No. 1 Manitobs Northern wheat | 89.2 | 76.2 | 75.7 |
| No. 2 Canada Western oats | 38.4 | 35.3 | 37.1 |
| No. 2 Canada Westein rye | 69.8 | 51.8 | 56.5 |
| No. 1 feed barley | 50.1 | 50.7 | 50.9 |
| No. 1 Canada Western fiax ... | 223.6 | 172.6 | 159.6 |

FLOTR AND NTJER MILLED FRODUCTS: No changes occurred in flour prices in western markets during April, but at eastern centres advances of $10 \not \subset$ per barrel were noted. At Winnipeg quotations for first patent flour, carlots, outright purchases, sold at $\$ 5.80$ per bag of $2-98^{\circ}$ s cot ton, tax included, while in the east quotations for a similar grade in carlot quantities, ontario and Montreal lake and rail points, moved up lod per barrel to $\$ 5.95$. During the same interval Ontario winter wheat flour in carlot quantities, Montreal rate points, advanced 20c per barrel to a final figure of $\$ 5.20$. In the domestic market millers reported continued slack demand owing to the over-bought condition which has prevailed since the rumoured increase in the processing tax. The export picture, however, has shown substantial improvement latterly with the United Kingdom's Cereal Import Cominttee in the market for substantial amounte. Among ther processed cereals, prices were generally steady. Datmeal and rolled oats prices at Toronto dipped slightly in the second week, reflecting reduced seasonal demand, but subsequently recovered to close unchanged at $\$ 3 . i 0$ per $98-10$ 。 sack, and $\$ 2.45$ per $80-1 b$. bag, respectively. Cornmeal was unchanged at \$2.90 per 98-Ib. sack, $\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{O} \cdot \mathrm{b}$. Montreal, Following a further advance to a peak of $\$ 27.50$ per ton early in April prices for both bran and shorts, ontario and Montreal rate points, aeclined sharply to $\$ 24.50$ in the final week of the month for a net loss of \$2.00 per ton. Dealers attributed the drop to plentiful supplies coupled with slower demand.
$\frac{\text { Descripicion }}{\text { Flour No. } 1 \text { petonic, per barrel, f.onb. }}$

$x$ Quotations in cotion bags - $10 \not \subset$ sbove quotations in previous year.

Sat pranti Further advanoes in raw rubber prices at New York continued to roflect uricasincss over a possible shortage of freight space and the tremendous demand for rubber in the United States. As the month closed quotations on first latex thick orepo shoets at Now York were $241 / 2 \phi$ per pound as against an opening level of $231 / 4 \not \subset$, while for Ceylon plantation ribbed smoked sheets, prices on the same basis moved up I $1 / 4 \phi$ to a final level of $237 / 8 \phi$ per pound. Credited mainly to German and Japanese buying, Brazilian rubber was exceptionally strong, Upriver Para being quoted at 28-30 on April $30,63 / 4$ per pound over the opening level. The Bureau's weekly index of rew rubber prices adranced from 57.5 in the final week of March to 61.8 for the weok ended April 25. United States rubber consumption touched another record level of 66,821 long tons in March as compared with a previous record flgure of 64,225 long tons in January, 1941. Offsetting record consumption levels, however, was a small increase in United States raw rubber stocks bringing the Warch total to 209,979 long tons, the largest amount resorded since April, 2963.

| Description | $\begin{array}{r} 19.10 \\ \text { Apri1 } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1941 \\ \text { March } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1941 \\ \text { April } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw rubber, per lb. at New York (Canadian Funds) | ¢ | $\downarrow$ | $\phi$ |
| Standard latex crepe sheets | 21.4 | 27.8 | 29.0 |
| Ceylon ribbed smoked sheets | 21.3 | 27.4 | 28.1 |

LIVESTOCK: Further weakness developed in livestock markets in April and an index of prices moved down from 105.5 in March to 104.2 . Monthly price averages for steers showed fractional losses; calves and lambs declined about $4.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. and $3.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. respectively; while an index of hog prices remained unchanged at 63.9. Cattle markets showed strength in the first two weeks when runs were light, but prices eased as offerings increased. Gocd steers up to 1050 pounds at Toronto rose from $\$ 8.52$ to $\$ 8.63$ per cwt. between the weeis of April 4 and 11 , and then dropped back to $\$ 8.57$ per cwt. by the week ending May 2。 The Minnipeg market was even more unsteady, and prices dropped $43 \not \subset$ per cwt. during the week ending April 25 as runs increased and export support was lacking. Calf markets advanced almost steadily in the first three weeks and then prices dropped 26 per cwt. at Toronto and $50 \not \subset$ per cwt. at Winnipeg, Yog markets were erratic. At Toronto, hogs on a dressed basis rose $23 \phi$ to $\$ 11.40$ per cwt. between the weeks of April 4 and 18 , and then receded gradually to $\$ 11.19$ per cwt. by the week ending May l. After remaining at $\$ 10.35$ till the week of April 18; hogs at Winnipeg rose steadily to close at $\$ 104 ?$ per cwt. Gressed woight. Lamb prices tended downward throughout the month.

| Description |  | (See above dates) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Good stears up to 1050 pounde per cwt. at |  |  |  |  |
|  | Toronto | 7.17 | 8.62 | 8.58 |
|  | Winnipeg ...... | 6.44 | 8.10 | 7.89 |
| Good veal calves, per owt. at | Toronto | 10,38 | 11.59 | 11.14 |
|  | Winnipeg | 7.80 | 9.84 | 9.30 |
| Hogs B.1 dressed weight percwt, at | Toronto | 8.55 (a) | 11.33 | 11.27 |
|  | Winnipeg | 8.11(a) | 10.35 | 10.40 |
| Lambs, good handyweigit, per | Toron to | 10.93 | 11.14 | 10.58 |
|  | winnipeg ..... | 9.93 | 10.03 | 9.72 |

(a) Bacon hogs live weight. Bosimated at about $75 \mathrm{p} \cdot 3$. of dressed weight.

EGGS: Egg prices were slightly higher on Canadian markets in April, and an average of Grade $A^{\prime}$ s at elght representative cities was $23.8 \not \subset$ as against $23.4 \not \subset$ per dozen in March. The main factors contributing to the rise were good domestic demand for the Easter season and for storage purposes, together with further export orders. Recolpts continued to increase but except in British Columbia, peak production did not appesr to have been reached. Despite the greater volume of offerings, markets tended to close higher stimilated largely by active export demand. Latterly some difficulty in obtaining adequate supplies was reported by exporters, as in some areas, the quality had begun to show the usual seasonal deterioration. Cold storage holdings were calculated by the Agricultura Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at $3,857,000$ dozen on May 1 compared with 1, 105,000 dozen on Apr11 1, and 3,331,000 dozen on May 1, 1940.

Desoription
(See above dates)


Burve?: An evavase price of first grade creamery butter at six representative Canadian cities moved down from $35.2 \not \subset$ to $31.0 \not \subset$ per pound between the weoks of April 4 and May 2. The removal of price maxima during the last week of Anril came gfter prices
were already considorably below top levels established in December. Production during April at 19,033,000 pounds was about 14 p.c. more than the 1940 April output, but domestic distribution at $19,969,000$ pounds was 175,000 pounds less than for the corresponding period of 1940.


COTTON: Moderate strength in raw cotton prices on the New York market during April reflected reports of a $75-85$ per cent parity loan to be paid growers for the current season's crop. At the end of the month quotations on spot cotton, upland midaling $15 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ staple at New York were $11.7 \phi$ per pound as against a low of $11.3 \phi$ touched on the $23 r d$ and $11.6 \not \subset$ at the close or March. Reflecting the rise in United States prices the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' weekly index of raw cotton prices moved up from 77.7 for the final week of March to 80.2 for the week of May 2. Consumption of raw cotton in Canada during April paralleled the peak levels of March when 45,515 bales were opened Orders for both cililian and war needs were said to have kept mills operating close to capacity. In the United States consumption reached a record total of 854,179 bales in March, 1941, compared with 627, 194 bales in March, 1940. Exports showed a decided drop, however, to 97,292 bales from 433,842 bales, due to the loss of European markets. Coincident with higher prices considerable quantities of 1940 and some 1938 loan cotton were said to have been repressed.

Description
Raw cotton 15/16" per pound at New York
(Canadian funds)
$\not \subset$
12.1x
(See above dates)
*This price was for $7 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ staple.
LUNBER AND TMMBER: Practically no change occurred in the Bureau's list of representative lumber and timber prices during April. Fowever, a small increase in British Columbia cedar shingles was sufficient to move the composite lumber index from 110.7 in March to 110.8 in April, while the cedar lumber and timber sub-group index advanced 1.3 p.c. to 116.9 . For other groups, index levels were steady at 117.0 for pine, 110.6 for spruce, 91.5 for hardwoods, 117.3 for hemlock and 106.2 for fir. Announcement was made in April by the Timber Control of maximum wholesale prices for air-dried birch for consumption in Canada, but no retail prices were set at this time. According to carloadings domestic demand for lumber continued to show substantial improvement over April, 1940, with prairie demand being especially strong for auxiliary grain storage.
Description (Price Indexes 1926=100)
(See above dates)

| Pine lumber | 107.7 | 117.0 | 117.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spruce lumber | 97.6 | 110.6 | 110.6 |
| Cedar lumber | 113.2 | 115.4 | 116.9 |
| Fir lumber | 98.5 | 106.2 | 106. |

IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS: There was no change in the Bureau's representative list of iron and steel prices in April, the composite weekly index holding at 107.6 throughout the month. Comparec with levels of April, 1940, however, the index has advanced 5.1 p.c. Largely accounting for this increase have been sharply higher prices for cast iron and steel pipe and cast iron and steel scrap. For these two series sub-group indexes in April, 1941, were respectively 25.3 p.c. and 25.8 p.c. above corresponding indexes in April, 1940. In the rolling mill products section minor increases during the year have advanoed the index from 109.0 to lll.l, while in the hardware group fractional price increases moved the index from 90.9 to 91.0 in the same interval. During the early part of April maximum iron scrap prices for consumers' f.o.b. delivery points were set by the Steel Controller.


INDEX NIMBERS OF INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PR ICES $(1926=100)$






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|  | Commodity( <br>  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { price } \\ & \text { Sories: } \end{aligned}$ | Yearly <br> Average 1940 | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Apsil } \\ & : 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Neb } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March: } \\ & 1941: \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1942 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index | 567 | 82.9 | 83.1 | 85.2 | 85.9 | 86.6 |
| 1. | Vegetable Products | 135 | 72.1 | 76.1 | 72. 5 | 73.8 | 76.0 |
|  | Fruits | 15 | 82.0 | 78.9 | 79.2 | 80.1 | 78.8 |
|  | Fresh | 4 | 84.8 | 80.5 | 81.8 | 82.9 | 80.8 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 79.1 | 79.3 | 76.0 | 76.7 | 78.4 |
|  | Canned | 6 | 67.9 | 68.8 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 |
|  | Grajns | 23 | 55.7 | 65.1 | 5409 | 56.4 | 56.5 |
|  | Flour and willed Products | 12 | 74.4 | 78.9 | 7503 | 77.3 | 77.8 |
|  | Bakery Products | 2 | 84.9 | $8{ }^{\prime}+6$ | 8505 | 85.8 | 85.8 |
|  | Vegetable 0ils | 8 | 73.9 | 79.6 | 80.3 | 86.7 | 95.4 |
|  | Rubber and Its Products | 9 | 69.1 | 66.9 | 71.9 | 72.07 | 73.3 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products and Glucose | 8 | 101.3 | 97.6 | 104.0 | 204.2 | 119.2 |
|  | Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices | 15 | 88.5 | 89.2 | 93.0 | 98.1 | 105.0 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 65.3 | 70.6 | 57.7 | 58.8 | 61.8 |
| II. | Animals and Their Products | 76 | 79.1 | 77.5 | 84.3 | 85.3 | 84.5 |
|  | Fishery Producta | 16 | 82.8 | 76.3 | 86.0 | 85.8 | 83.5 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 58.8 | 61.9 | 74.5 | 73.7 | 73.6 |
|  | Hides and Skins | 6 | 93.7 | 105.6 | 104. 3 | J.08.9 | 111.6 |
|  | Leathes, Unmanufactured | 9 | 104.1 | 105.7 | 99.2 | 100.6 | 101.8 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 2 | 101.2 | 100.8 | $100{ }^{4}$ | 100.4 | 100.4 |
|  | Livo Stock | 4 | 94.6 | 88.5 | 105.6 | 105.5 | 104.2 |
|  | Meats and poulizy | 10 | 79.9 | 76.6 | S5, 4 | 88.1 | 87.6 |
|  | Milk and Its Products | 12 | 78.7 | 79.6 | 87.4 | 88.6 | 86.9 |
|  | Fats | 5 | 46.4 | 46.3 | $\therefore 6.3$ | 47.0 | 48.0 |
|  | Eggs | 3 | 63.9 | 56.2 | 53.7 | 53.8 | 54.4 |
| III. | Pibres, Textiles and Textile Products Coton, Raw | 85 | 83.8 69.6 | 84.2 70.4 | 84.5 | 85.3 | 86.0 |
|  | cotton Fabrics | 19 | 79.4 | 79.5 | 80. 6 | 81.1 | 81.3 |
|  | Knit Goods | 3 | 88.4 | 88.9 | 88.9 | 88.9 | 88.9 |
|  | Flax, Hemp and Juto Products | 10 | 67.1 | 66.5 | 71.9 | 75.7 | 80.5 |
|  | Silk, Raw | 9 | 51.4 | 47.6 | 49.6 | 54.3 | 54.6 |
|  | Silk Hosiory | 2 | 72.2 | 73.5 | 67,5 | 67.5 | 67.5 |
|  | Silk Fabrics | 4 | 69.0 | 69.0 | 69.0 | 69.0 | 69.0 |
|  | Artificial Silk Products | 5 | 49.0 | $5 ?$ | 48,1 | 48.2 | 48.1 |
|  | W001, Raw | 3 | 91.3 | 91.9 | 93.9 | 93.9 | 93.9 |
|  | Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods | 5 | 106.5 | 108.1 | 207.5 | 107.5 | 107.5 |
|  | Wool Cloth | 6 | 104.8 | 105.9 | 203.5 | 103.5 | 103.5 |
| IV. |  |  | 88.8 |  | 92.4 |  | 92.5 |
|  | Newsprint and Wrapping Paper | 2 | 73.8 | 73.6 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 74.0 |
|  | Lumber | 33 | 103.6 | 100.4 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 110.8 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 102.8 | 97.6 | 108.9 | 108.9 | 108.9 |
|  | Furniture | 10 | 89.4 | 89.3 | 94.1 | 94.1 | 94.8 |
| V. | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 104.0 | 102. 4 | 207.5 | 107.5 | 107.6 |
|  | Pig Iron and Steel Billets | 3 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.4 |
|  | Rolling Mill Products | 14 | 109.6 | 109.0 | 111.2 | 111.1 | 111.1 |
|  | Hardware | 16 | 90.9 | 90.9 | 91.0 | 91.0 | 91.0 |
|  | Wire | 3 | 97.2 | 97.2 | 97.2 | 97.2 | 97.2 |
|  | Scrav | 5 | 95.9 | 91.3 | 113.6 | 113.6 | 114.9 |
| VI. | Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 76.9 | 76.3 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 |
|  | Brass and Copper Products | 6 | 83.5 | 82.1 | 85.7 | 85.7 | 85.7 |
|  | Lead and Its Products | 2 | 62.1 | 62.1 | 62.2 | 62.1 | 62.1 |
|  | Tin Ingots | 2 | 87.6 | 83.8 | 88.2 | 89.4 | 89.5 |
|  | Zinc and Its Products | 2 | 58.7 | 58.6 | 58.9 | 58.9 | 58.9 |


|  |  | Price <br> Serjes | $\begin{aligned} & \text { :Yearly } \\ & \text { Average } \\ & : 2940: \end{aligned}$ | April 1940 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { March } \\ & : \quad 1941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} : \\ : \quad \text { April } \\ : \quad 1941 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VII. Non-Motallic Minerals and Their Products <br> $\begin{array}{llllll}83 & 89.3 & 87.2 & 91.4 & 91.5 & 91.7\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Clay and Alliod Material Products | 10 | 86.5 | 87.1 | 88.5 | 38.5 | 88.5 |
|  | Coai | 13 | 201.3 | 96.2 | 204.7 | 104.8 | 105,2 |
|  | Coiss | 5 | 221.4 | 121.4 | 121.4 | 121.4 | 121.4 |
|  | Nanufectured Gas | 3 | 102.5 | 102.0 | 102.9 | 102.9 | 2. 03.6 |
|  | Glass and Its Products | 6 | 94.8 | 92.6 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.6 |
|  | Potroieum Products |  | 70.9 | 70.5 | 72.4 | 72.4 | 72.4 |
|  | Asphait | 2 | 103.0 | 103.3 | 103.3 | 203.3 | 103.3 |
|  | Salt | 4 | 116.6 | 116.6 | 116.7 | 116.7 | 116.? |
|  | Ifme | 4 | 101. 8 | 101.8 | 101.8 | 101.8 | 101.8 |
|  | Cement | 1 | 98.4 | 97.0 | 99.2 | 99.2 |  |
|  | Sand and Gravel. | 8 | 84.8 | 85.5 | 87.6 | 87.6 | 87.6 |
|  | Crushed Stono | 3 | 67.6 | 65.8 | 73.1 | 76.7 | 76.7 |
|  | Buj.ldine, Stono | 3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 54.3 |
|  | Asbestos | 8 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 74.1 | $7{ }^{\text {l }}$. 1 | 74.1 |
| VIII. | Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 87.9 | 85.5 | 91.9 | 93.3 | 95.6 |
|  | Inorgazic Chomica?s | 22 | 88.0 | 86.3 | 89.6 | 89.9 | 90.6 |
|  | Organic Chamt cals | 6 | 77.7 | 74.4 | 82.3 | 83.5 | 83.0 |
|  | Coal lar Products | 2 | 90.0 | 89.9 | 89.9 | 89.9 | 89.9 |
|  | Dyeing and Tanning Materials | 10 | 124.1 | 116.9 | -26.9 | 127.1 | 127.2 |
|  | Explosives | 2 | 73.1 | 73,1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.2 |
|  | Paints, Preparsd | 2 | 71.8 | 71.8 | 71.8 | 76.3 | 76.3 |
|  | Diugs and Phanmaceutical Chomicals | - 10 | 118.2 | 108.7 | 141.4 | 145.4 | 157.3 |
|  | Fertilizers | 10 | 85.6 | 85.9 | 88.1 | 88.1 | 88.1 |
|  | Incustrian gacos | 2 | 87.2 | 89.8 | 85.1 | 86.2 | 85.9 |

## PURPOSE CLASSTFICATION <br> (1926:=200)


A. Foods. Beverages and Tobacco Beverages
Flour and Mjiled Eroducts Bakery Products Fish
Fruits
Meats and Poul.try
Milk and Milk Products Sugar ank Its Products Vegetablee
Iggs
Tobacco
B. Other Consumersi Goods

Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear
Houselold Zquipment and Supplies

| 236 | 83.4 | 82.6 | 85.7 | 86.2 | 87.0 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 126 | 79.4 | 78.8 | 82.5 | 83.4 | 84.7 |
| 9 | 94.0 | 94.6 | 96.7 | 100.8 | $106_{0} .2$ |
| 12 | 74.4 | 78.9 | 76.3 | 77.1 | 77.8 |
| 2 | 84.9 | 84.6 | 85.8 | 85.3 | 85.8 |
| 16 | 82.8 | 78.3 | 86.0 | 85.8 | 83.5 |
| 15 | 82.0 | 78.9 | 79.2 | 80.1 | 78.8 |
| 10 | 79.9 | 76.6 | 86.4 | 88.1 | 87.6 |
| 12 | 78.7 | 79.6 | 87.4 | 88.6 | 8.09 |
| 8 | 101.3 | 97.6 | 104.0 | 104.2 | 3.19 .2 |
| 13 | 65.3 | 70.6 | 57.7 | 58.8 | 61.2 |
| 3 | 63.9 | 56.2 | 53.7 | 53.8 | 54.4 |
| 8 | 40.8 | 40.7 | 41.7 | 41.8 | 41.8 |
| 10 | 86.1 | 85.1 | 87.9 | 88.1 | 88.6 |
|  |  |  | 87.4 |  |  |
| 52 | 87.4 | 87.9 | 87.4 | 87.6 | 87.6 |
| 58 | 85.2 | 83.1 | 88.3 | 88.4 | 89.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 402 | 78.7 | 80.3 | 80.6 | 81.3 | 81.6 |
| 24 | 100.0 | 96.6 | 102.3 | 102.4 | 102.7 |
| 3 | 91.6 | 91.6 | 91.6 | 91.6 | 91.6 |
| 17 | 100.8 | 97.3 | 103.2 | 103.3 | 103.7 |
| 2 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 | 73.1 |
| 2 | 99.3 | 97.2 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.8 |

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| Commodity : | :price :Series | :Yearly <br> :Average $1940$ | : April <br> : 1940 |  | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { March } \\ & : 1941 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| D. Producers M Mate:ia? s | 378 | 76.3 | 78.5 | 78.2 | 79.0 | 79.2 |
| Building and Construction |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Materials | 111 | 95.6 | 94.2 | 100.1 | 100.6 | 100.7 |
| Lumber | 33 | 103.6 | 100.4 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 110.8 |
| Paint | 13 | 74.1 | 77.8 | 74.5 | 77.2 | 77.9 |
| Miscellaneous | 65 | 93.4 | 92.3 | 96.4 | 96.7 | 96.7 |
| Manufacturens' Materials | 267 | 73.0 | 75.8 | 74.5 | 75.3 | 75.6 |
| Textilas and Clothing | 64 | 81.7 | 81.7 | 82.5 | 83.3 | 83.9 |
| Furs and Leather Goods | 24 | 87.0 | 90.6 | 91.4 | 92.5 | 93.4 |
| For Metal Mo-king Industries | 41 | 83.0 | 82.3 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 84.4 |
| For Chemical USing Industries | 43 | 92.7 | 89.9 | 95.1 | 95.5 | 95.8 |
| For Meat Facking Industries | 4 | 94.6 | 88.5 | 105.6 | 105.5 | 104.2 |
| For Milling and Other Industries | 323 | 55.7 | 65.1 | 54.9 | 56.4 | 56.5 |
| Miscellaneous Producers Material | 68 | 75.3 | 75.8 | 77.2 | 78.0 | 78.7 |

## ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION (1926:100)

| Total Raw and Par tly Manufactured | 245 | 75.3 | 76.8 | 77.7 | 78.9 | 79.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Totel Fully and Chiefly Manufactured | 322 | 81.5 | 81.5 | 83.7 | 84.2 | 85.3 |

I. Articles of Fism origin
(Domestic and Foreign)
A. Field

| (a) Raw and parbly manufactured | 95 | 59.4 | 65.4 | 59.0 | 61.0 | 61.9 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 91 | 79.2 | 79.9 | 81.3 | 82.1 | 85.3 |
| (c) Total | 186 | 70.1 | 73.2 | 71.0 | 72.4 | 74.5 |

B. Animal
(a) Raw and partly manufectured
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured

46
(c) Total

59
105
C. Canadian Farm Products
(1) Field
(2) Animal
(3) Total

52
18
70
II. Articles of Marine origin
(a) Raw and partiy manufactured
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured

11
(c) Total

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III. Articles of Forost Origin

| (a) Raw and parily manufactured | 37 | 103.4 | 99.6 | 110.2 | 110.2 | 110.2 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 20 | 75.5 | 75.2 | 76.2 | 76.2 | 76.3 |
| (c) Total | 57 | 88.5 | 86.6 | 92.0 | 92.0 | 92.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 62 | 88.8 | 86.3 | 91.4 | 91.4 |
| Articles of Mineral Oriein |  | 91.1 |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partiy manufactured | 61.3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufacturea | 141 | 92.0 | 91.0 | 93.9 | 94.1 | 94.3 |
| (c) Total | 203 | 90.6 | 88.9 | 92.8 | 92.9 | 92.9 |


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| Commodity |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ycarly } \\ & \text { Averago } \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : 19 p 11 \\ & : 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Kerch } \\ & : 1941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & : 1941 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OATS, NO. 2 C.F. |  |  | \$ |  | \$ |
| Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cesh basis THEAT, No. 1 Man. Nor thern | Bush. | . 351 | . 384 | . 353 | . 372 |
| Ft.fililiam and Pt.Arthur cash basis | Bush. | . 772 | . 892 | . 762 |  |
| (A) FLOUR, First Patent, $2 \sim 981 \mathrm{~s}$ |  |  |  | . 762 | . 727 |
| cotton, Toronto |  | 5.706 | 6.125 | 5.850 | 5.875 |
| SUGAR, granulated, Montreal | Cm . | 5.765 | 5.560 | 5.893 | 6.893 |
| RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked Sheets, f.O.b. New York | Ib. | . 236 |  | . 274 | . 281 |
| LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal | Gai. | . 853 | 1.120 | :813 | . 820 |
| CATTLE, Steers, good up to |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1050 lbs . Toronto | Cwt. | 7.858 | 7.100 | (B) 8.620 | (B) 8.580 |
| HOGS, B.1, Dressed, Toronto | Cot. | 8.700 | 8.550 | (c) 11.330 | (c) 11.270 |
| BRIEP HID ${ }^{\text {d }}$, Packer Hides, |  |  |  |  |  |
| Native Steers, Toronto | 2b. | . 136 | . 134 | . 148 | . 243 |
| LEATHER, Packer crops, NO.I and II, f.o.b. Distributing points | Ib. | . 461 | 460 | 460 | 460 |
| BoX SIDES $D$, |  |  |  |  |  |
| f.o.b. Ont. factory | Ft. | . 251 | . 260 | . 210 | . 210 |
| BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | Lb. | . 275 | . 279 | . 360 | . 330 |
| CHEPSE, Canadian old, large, Montreal | Lb. | . 230 | . 238 | . 220 | . 220 |
| EGGS, Grade "A" large, |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | Doz. | . 319 | . 257 | . 248 | . 249 |
| COTTON, raw ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ - 1 1/16" |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hamilton | Ib. | . 136 | . 139 | . 150 | . 155 |
| COTTON YARNS, 101 s whito aingle Hosiery cops, Mill | Ib. | . 301 | . 313 | . 304 | . 315 |
| SIIK, raw, special grand XX |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85 p.c. New York, 13-15 deniers | Lb. | 3.324 | 3.070 | 3.523 | 3.544 |
| HoOL, eastern bright, $1 / 4$ blood | Ib. | . 303 | - 308 | . 310 | . 310 |
| WOOL, westera range, semi-bright |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2 blood, domestic, 1.0.b. ontario | Lb. | . 238 | . 236 | . 250 | . 250 |
| (D)PULP, groundwood, No. 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| delivered Nerr England | Ton | 32.281 | 31.303 | 44.000 | 44.000 |
| STEBL, merchant bars, mild | 100 |  |  |  |  |
| M111 | Ibs. | 2.550 | 2.550 | 2.550 | 2. 550 |
| FIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.0.b. Plant | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Grose } \\ & \text { Ton } \end{aligned}$ | 25.500 | 25.500 | 25.500 | 25.500 |
| COPPIR, Electrolytic, domestic |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | Cut. | 11.455 | 11.500 | 11.500 | 21.500 |
| LIRAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal | cwt. | 5.000 | 5.000 | 5.000 | 5.000 |
| TIN INGOTS, Straits, foob |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto | Lb. | . 604 | . 569 | . 606 | . 609 |
| ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. oarlots Montreal | Cw t. | 5.150 | 5.150 | 5.150 |  |
| COAL, enthracite, moronto |  |  |  |  |  |
| foo.b, carlots | Ton | 11.422 | 10.639 | 11.889 | 11.889 |
| COAL, Bituminous, N.S. |  |  |  |  |  |
| run-of-mine GASOLENT, tandarc | Ton | 5.500 | 5.500 | 5.500 | 5.700 |
| Toronto | Gal. | . 159 | . 255 | . 165 | . 165 |
| SUIPHURIC ACID $66^{\circ}$ Baume | Net | 17.000 | 17.000 | 17.000 | 17.00 |

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[^1]MONTHLY GHOLDSALE FRICE IMDEX NUMBRRS OF ST NGLE COMMODITIES, 1240-194. (1926=100)


INHNW NUMBURS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, APRIL, 1941.
(Caiculations based or prices for the first of each month)
The Dominion Burcau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939-100, rose from 208.2 in March to 108.6 in April, the first upward movement shown by the index s 亡nce January Higher prices for foods, eugmented by fractional gains in the clothing and housefuryishings groups accounted for the advance.

An index for 46 food items moved up from 109.0 to 110.1 between March and April, following increases in dairy products, meats, dry groceries, vegetables, fruits and cereals. Jgg prices recoadod further geasonal declines. Food pricos in April, 1941, were on approximately the samo level as in the spring 1931.

Moderately highor prices for plece goods and a slight advence in men's clothing caused the clothing index to rise from 114.2 in March to 114.3 in April. Similarly the homefurnishings and services index rose 0.1 to 111.7 , the increase being due to advances in furniture end toxtiles.

The following indoxes were unchanged for April: Rent at 107.7, fuel and light at 108.9 and miscellameous itvms at 102.9.

An index for retail prices alone, excluding renta and services, rose from 110.2 to 110.7 .

INDAT NUMBERS OR IIVING COSTS, 1913-APRIL, 1242.
$(1935-1939=100)$

|  | Total <br> Index |  | Reat Indes | Finel sc Tightijg Index | : Cloth-: : ing $:$ : Indox | Eome Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index | :Retail Prices <br> : Index (Com- <br> :modities only) $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 | 79.7 | 88.3 | 74.3 | 76.9 | 88.0 | 70.3 | - |
| 1914 ........ | 80.0 | 91.09 | 72.1 | 75.4 | 88.9 | 70.3 | - |
| 1915 | 81.6 | 92.7 | 69.9 | 73.8 | 96.8 | 70.9 | - |
| 1916 | 88,3 | 103.3 | 70,6 | 75.4 | 110.8 | 74.5 | - |
| 1927 | 104.5 | 133.3 | 75.8 | 83.8 | 130.3 | 81.5 | - |
| 1918 | 118.3 | 152.8 | $80 . ?$ | 92.2 | 152.3 | 91.4 | $\sim$ |
| 1919 | 130,0 | 163.3 | 87.6 | 100.7 | 175.1 | 101.2 | - |
| 1920 | 150.5 | 188.1 | $100 \cdot 2$ | 119.9 | 213.1 | 110.3 | - |
| 1926 | 121.8 | 133.3 | 115.9 | 216.8 | 139.1 | 106.1 | - |
| 1929 | 121.7 | 234.7 | 119.7 | 112.6 | 134.8 | 105.0 | - |
| 1930 | 120.8 | 131.5 | 122.7 | 111.8 | 130.6 | 105.4 | $\cdots$ |
| 1931 | 109.1 | 103.1 | 119,4 | 110.0 | 114.3 | 103.3 | - |
| 1932. | 99.0 | 85.7 | 109.7 | 206.8 | 100.6 | 100.4 | - |
| $1933 \ldots$ | 94.4 | 84.9 | 98.6 | 102.5 | 93.3 | $98.2$ | - |
| $19344 \ldots$ | 95.6 | 92.7 | 93.2 | $10 \mathrm{E}_{0} 1$ | 97.1 | 97.8 x | - |

## Home

Furnish-

| ings \& | Miscell- |
| :--- | :--- |
| Services | aneous |
| Index | Index |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 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.? | 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 | August.. | 100.8 | 99.3 | 103.8 | 99.0 | 100. 1 | 100.9 | 101.3 | 100.0 |
| 1940 | January | 103.8 | 104.5 | 104.4 | 105.5 | 103.3 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.2 |
|  | February. | 103.8 | 104.5 | 104.4 | 105.8 | 103.3 | 104.3 | 101.9 | 104.3 |
|  | March ... | 104.6 | 104.8 | 2.04 .4 | 105.7 | 107.8 | 105.9 | 101.9 | 105.5 |
|  | April. | 104.6 | 104.8 | 104.4 | 105.9 | 107.8 | 106.1 | 101.8 | 105.5 |
|  | May ... | 1.04.9 | 104.4 | 1.06 .9 | 106.1 | 107.8 | 106.2 | 101.8 | 105.3 |
|  | June . | 104.9 | 103.8 | 106.9 | 106.0 | 109.1 | 106.5 | 101.8 | 105.3 |
|  | July | 105.6 | 105.3 | 106.9 | 107.9 | 109.1 | 106.9 | 102.2 | 106.4 |
|  | Augus t .. | 105.9 | 105.4 | 106.8 | 108.4 | 109.1 | 106.9 | 103.0 | 106.8 |
|  | September | 105.4 | 105.4 | 106.9 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 108.9 | 102.8 | 107.9 |
|  | October. | 107.0 | 106. 1. | ? 07.7 | 108.0 | 113.5 | 109.7 | 102.8 | 108.4 |
|  | November. | 107. 5 | 108.7 | 107.7 | 108.5 | 113.5 | 110.0 | 102.8 | 109.7 |
|  | December. | 108.0 | 109. 1. | 107.7 | 108.5 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 102.8 | 110.0 |
| 1941 | January.0 | 108. 3 | 109.7 | 107.7 | 108.6 | 113.7 | 110.8 | 103.1 | 110.4 |
|  | February. | 108.2 | 108.8 | 107.7 | 108.7 | 114.1 | 111.5 | 103.1 | 110.1 |
|  | March | 108.2 | 109.0 | 107.7 | 108.9 | 114.2 | 111.6 | 102.9 | 110.2 |
|  | April | 108.6 | $110^{2} 1$ | 107.7 | 108.9 | 114.3 | 111.7 | 102.9 | 210.7 |

[^2]THOEX HUMGRR OF RETATI PCON PRTCGS FOR RIGHT CITIES IN CANADA, 1939-APRIL, 1941 ( $1935 \cdot-1939=100$ )


Eight regiona? city indexes of retail food prices all moved upward botween
March 1 and April 1, by amounts ranging from 0.2 to 1.2 per cent. This general advance followed a twomonth period when there was no definite trend in food prices. The recent increaso was due mainly to higher quotations for butter, meats, cercals, sugar, and canned vegetablos. Fggs again declincd oxcept in Vancouver where prices were influenced by a provincial oxport bonus of 3 cents por dozon. Fruits also movod slightly lower.

April 1 rotail food price indezos on tho base 1935-1939 100 , ranged from
108.3 for Edmonton to 114.0 for Helifar.

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|  | P.E\&I\% | Nova Scotie | New Brunswick | Que bec | Ontari | Masitoba | Saskatchowan | Alberts | British Columbia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1939-hugust ........ | 112. ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 114.2 | 119.3 | 114.2 | 124.7 | 224.4 | 114.2 | 113.2 | 122.9 |
| 9 940 - February .0...0 | 116.4 | 119.2 | 123.7 | 120.4 | 129.0 | -29.6 | 119.6 | 118.3 | 126.8 |
| - March o....... | 116.3 | 120.1 | $\bigcirc 23.5$ | 120.0 | 129.0 | 129.2 | 119.5 | 118.7 | 127.4 |
| April . ....c.o | 117.5 | 120.4 | 124.3 | 120.8 | 129.0 | 129.5 | 119.5 | 118.8 | 127.6 |
| May ............s | 117.5 | 120.4 | 125.5 | $121=0$ | 129.3 | 131.3 | 121.9 | 119.3 | 128.3 |
| June ........... | 217.5 | 119.5 | 124.5 | 120.7 | 128.7 | 13-06 | 120.0 | 118.9 | 126.9 |
| July .......... | 116.7 | $\geq 20.3$ | 124.6 | 120.8 | 129.9 | 134.2 | 120.7 | 117.7 | 127.6 |
| August ......... | 117.0 | $120 \cdot 5$ | 125.3 | 120.7 | 130.1 | 134.5 | 121.1 | 119.2 | 128:0 |
| September ...... | 117.2 | 120.9 | 125.2 | 120.2 | 129.9 | 132.1 | 118.9 | 116.6 | 127.8 |
| october ....... | 117=0 | 119.4 | 125.4 | 120.9 | 130.8 | 129.3 | 119.6 | 116.5 | 128.0 |
| November ...... | 11904 | 120.6 | 127.9 | 122.5 | 132.4 | 130.7 | 121.7 | 119.0 | 129.3 |
| Decomber ...... | 121.1 | 122.1 | 129.2 | 123.9 | 133.2 | 131.3 | 123.7 | 120.1 | 128.9 |
| Year o.ocooco | 117.6 | 120.2 | 125,2 | 121.0 | 130.0 | 131.0 | 120.5 | 118.5 | 127.8 |
| 1943 - Jenuary ooce. | 119.4 | 122.9 | 129.6 | 123.4 | 133.3 | 132.6 | 124.5 | 120.0 | 129.8 |
| February 000000 | 119.1 | 121.8 | $129: 1$ | 122.3 | 132.2 | 132.2 | 123.5 | 119.4 | $130 \cdot 1$ |
| Merch osonos... | 118.3 | 12101 | 128.7 | 122.4 | 138.0 | 132.1 | 124.5 | 118.8 | 129.4 |

INDEX NUNBERS OF A FAMTLY BUDGET OF STAPLE FOODS, FUEL AND LIGYTNG AND RENT TN SPECIFIED GTIES, FUGUST, 1939 - MARCH, 1941. (Dominion Average of $\$ 14.02$ for $1813=100$ )

|  | Halifax | Saint <br> John | Montreal | Toronto | Winnipeg | Regina | Calgary | Vancouve: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1939 - August =000-0.0. | 121.3 | 118.0 | 125.6 | 140.9 | 135.6 | 130.6 | 118.6 | 127.7 |
| 1940 .. Fobruary 0000 | 232. 6 | 123.9 | 132.9 | 144.5 | $138 \cdot 8$ | 136.4 | 124.6 | 13̇.3 |
| Nat. March 0.00000. | 134.4 | 123.5 | 132.3 | 144.0 | $138 \cdot 9$ | 137.1 | 125.4 | 130.6 |
| April beceoo.00 | 134.5 | 12402 | 132.9 | 144.1 | 139.5 | 13508 | 125.3 | 131.8 |
| Mey 00 = .0.0.0. | 134.5 | 121.5 | 132.7 | 144.8 | $139 \cdot 6$ | 1384 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 126.3 | 133.8 |
| June oc.o.0.0 | 133.5 | 123.1 | 132.6 | 144.5 | 139 c ? | 137.1 | 124.3 | 132.1 |
| July enoueocou | 134:4 | 122.0 | 13404 | 146.1 | 139.7 | 138.5 | 127.2 | 133.5 |
| Fugust ono.cou | 134.06 | 123.4 | 132.9 | $145: 5$ | 142.7 | 138.3 | 126.2 | $134=4$ |
| September ..cou | 139.4 | 122.3 | $133=2$ | 146.9 | 140.2 | 134.8 | 122.7 | 133.1 |
| October .o.co.. | 133:3 | 123.8 | 133.9 | 146.3 | $140 \cdot 5$ | 136.4 | 123.4 | 131.5 |
| November $\ldots$ | 134.2 | 128.1 | 136.4 | 148.2 | 142.3 | 138.8 | 126.2 | 132.7 |
| December ...... | 135.0 | 122.3 | 137.1 | 147.9 | 142.9 | 138.8 | 125.7 | 133.1 |
| Year | 134.1 | 124.4 | 133.6 | 145.5 | 140.2 | 137.2 | 125.3 | 132.3 |
| 1941 - January $\ldots \ldots$ | 136.5 | 128.6 | 137.2 | 148.1 | 143.2 | 139.4 | 126. 3 | 133.9 |
| February ... | 135.3 | 128.1 | 136.5 | 147.6 | 142.8 | 139.0 | 126.6 | 134.8 |
| March $0 .$. | 13400 | 127.8 | 136.4 | 147.7 | 142.1 | 139.9 | 126.1 | 134.7 |

[^3]With tho excepition of barise，al2 sections of tho Investors＇index registored． losses during Apri？and the daily píice indor of 95 common stocks dropped 5.1 p．c．to close at 63.5 ．The sharpest indivicual Coclines wore scored by boverages，which fell 10.3 poce to 84.0 ，folionud by milỉng issuos down $9.3 p_{0} c_{0}$ to 64.4 ，transportation stocks 8.8 p．c．to 53.9 ，fnciustrial minoe $8 . \bar{j} p_{0} c_{0}$ to 64.1 and building materials $6.9 p_{0} c$ ，to 75．3．Net recessions for other subigroupe ranged from 1.1 poc．to $5.7 p_{0} c_{0}$ Utilities recorded a broader drop than industrials with a loss of 6.1 p．c．to 66.0 ，while industrials moved lower 5.5 poc． 0 59．9．As index for eight benks mounted 0.4 poc．in April to close at 89.7 ．

## MINING STOCX PRICDS

Price movaments on Conadian markets mero efmilar to those of the industrial and utili俞 sections hat net lossee were less severe．The general price index of mining 1soues dropped from 75.9 on March $3 \ddagger$ to 730 on April 30 for a recession of 3.7 p．c． Deviating from theis former steadinces，goius sinowod a greater doclino than baso metals．
 for the current juas．while baso mevals recedod 3.1 poc．to 84.4 ，which was atill 4.0 abovo its low on Fobruary 23．Tho Burcaing monthly price index for mining issuos re－ mained unchangea at 7501 fos AToil，with tho golds doclining 1.0 to 69.0 while base metals rose 2.9 to 87.6 ．Listed belum is a tajle of average prices for the weaks of May 1 and April．3，as compiled Uir tha Dominion Bureau of Statistics．


## MREFHRRRD STOCKS

The Bureauld prefsrred stock price index declined 0.8 poce to 97.9 during April，compared with a gain of 1.2 poco in March．Tobacco issues showing a gain of $l_{01} p_{0} c_{0}$ ，Beverages $Z_{0} 7 p_{0} c_{0}$ ，and Euilding Materials $0.4 p_{0} c_{0}$ ，were the only exceptions to the general downward movement．The greatest declines occurred in the Machinery and Equipment group which dropped 4.3 poc。followed by Pulp and Paper issues down 3.3 p．c． and Milling 2.8 p．c．below Narch levols．Losses among Power issues did not exceod 1.4 p．c． while $O i l s$ and Textiles held firm．

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PRHRYRRRED STOCK PRICRS，1935－1941
（1935－1939．100）

|  |  | Jan． | Feb。 | Mcr． | Apm | May | June | July | Aug． | Sept | Oc | Nov． | Dec． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 |  | 88.7 | 89.0 | 85.9 | 83.5 | 82.5 | 82.5 | 84.0 | 85. | 83． | 83.8 |  | 89.0 |
| 1936 |  | 90.3 | 93.1 | 92.0 | 91.7 | 90．0 | 91.9 | 95.9 | 97.2 | 101.1 | 104．7 | 109．9 | 123.3 |
| 1937 |  | 219．7 | 121.1 | 123.8 | 224．4 | 120．9 | 119.8 | 119.9 | 122.4 | 109.8 | 99.2 | 98.9 | 97.7 |
| 1938 |  | 100.6 | 99.0 | 93.5 | 94.3 | 96.6 | 98.7 | 105．2 | 104.7 | 98.1 | 106.2 | 105.5 | 104.8 |
| 1939 |  | 102.5 | 201.8 | 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 | 205．8 | 1.08 .9 | 96．？ | 86.9 | 89.0 | 93.9 | 99.1 | 100.7 | 103.0 | 201． 7 |
| 1941 |  | 101.4 | 97.6 | 95.7 | 97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUIBBERS OF COMMON STOCKS
$(1935-39=100)$


INDEX NUIBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING SIOCKS
$(1935-39=100)$

| No. of Stocks 1943 | Gold 22 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Base } \\ \text { Metals } \\ 3 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { Index } \\ & 25 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\times 1929$ - High | 76.2 | 127.3 | 89.2 |
| Low | 44.8 | 63.0 | 50.6 |
| x1932-High | 53.6 | 32.9 | 45.2 |
| Low | 41.2 | 17.0 | 32.6 |
| $\times 1933$ - High | 95.0 | 57.7 | 81.4 |
| Low | 55.1 | 27.3 | 45.4 |
| x.1934 - High | 119.0 | 67.1 | 99.9 |
| Low | 87.6 | 50.0 | 74.8 |
| X1935-High | 111.4 | 84.7 | 95.3 |
| Low | 88.9 | 51.5 | 80.1 |
| x1236 - High | 115.7 | 128.9 | 118.8 |
| Iow | 100.5 | 82.3 | 94.4 |
| x1237. - Efgh | 120.0 | 142.7 | 125.5 |
| Low | 84.7 | 73.3 | 80.8 |
| X1938-High | 106.6 | 129.1 | 112.2 |
| Low | 89.3 | 82.8 | 87.3 |
| x1239 - Eigh | 105.7 | 130.1 | 113.5 |
| Low | 82.5 | 109.6 | 91.9 |
| x1940 - Eigh | 92.1 | 122.4 | 102.2 |
| Low | 55.8 | 69.5 | 60.5 |
| 1939 |  |  |  |
| January | 103.1 | 122.9 | 110.2 |
| February | 102.9 | 126.1 | 110.8 |
| March | 100.4 | 122.3 | 108.1 |
| April | 93.5 | 113.1 | 100.2 |
| May | 97.3 | 121.4 | 105.6 |
| June | 99.0 | 123.5 | 107.3 |
| July | 100.0 | 126.0 | 108.7 |
| August | 95.8 | 124.2 | 105.6 |
| September | 84.6 | 119.4 | 96.0 |
| October | 90.5 | 119.9 | 100.9 |
| November | 90.3 | 121.7 | 100.9 |
| December | 89.2 | 119.3 | 99.3 |

## 1940



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## INDEX NOMBERS OF DOMINTON OR CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICBS AND YIELDS

Dominion of Canada longuterm bond prices averaged slightly lower in April, and the Bureau's index, on the base $1935-1939.200$, declined from 101.0 for March to 100.9 . Price movements were veny nesrom during the montin, and the daily index remained at 100.9 until the 29 th, before iising ciose at 103.0. Tho index of yields advanced from 95.8 to 95.9 , a level 4.3 below April 29\%: but 2.1 above the corresponding weak in 1939. In the provincial sectjon, the tendency joward lomer levels persisted, but reductions were mostly small and sel.dom excenied ? points. Based upon information received from Wood, Gundy and Company, Iimited, an inder of representásive Province of ontario bond yiolds rose from 93.5 for March to 95 , 2. for April, and the average yield of the issues included increased from 3.29 to 3.35 。

British Consols closed I/2 lower at $775 / 8$, while the Dor-Jones average of selected United States bonds ceclined from 91.58 to 91.36 。

MONTHLY INDEX NIMBRRS OT DOMTNION OF CANADA IONG-MEMM BOND PRICES, 1935-1941.
(Fron data iestied dy Ao Anes and CO. Ltdo)
$(1935-1.939-100)$


MONTHLY INDEX WMRYR OF DOMTMOM OT CANADA IONG MHRM BOND YIELDS, 1935-1941. (1935-1939:100)


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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.


[^6]MONTHLY IIDDESS OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES，1936－1941 Zscued by the Svandard Statistics Company，Inc．，New York
（1926＝100）

|  | Total <br> ： 420 Stocks | ：Industrials <br> ： 350 Stocks | ：Railroad <br> ： 30 Stocks | ：Utilities <br> ： 40 Stocks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 120 |  |  |  |  |
| Fovember | 124.2 | 144.1 | 57.9 | 108.9 |
| December ．．．．．．．．．．． | 122.8 | 142.6 | 54.4 | 110.6 |
| 2937. |  |  |  |  |
| january ．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 126.0 | 146.3 | 55.6 | 113.2 |
| February ．．．．．．．．．．．． | 129.5 | 151.7 | 57.9 | 110.7 |
| Narch ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 129.9 | 152.6 | 62.8 | 105.7 |
| Apsil ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 124.5 | 146.5 | 60.1 | 100.7 |
| Ma …．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 116.3 | 136.7 | 57.1 | 94.1 |
| June 0．0．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 113.6 | 134.0 | 53.9 | 91.3 |
| WuIy …．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 217.8 | 139.4 | 52.1 | 95.9 |
| Lugust ．o．．．．．．．．．．．． | 120.5 | 143.5 | 50.9 | 97.0 |
| ミepienber ．．．．．．．．．．． | 106．4 | 126.2 | 42.6 | 89，2 |
| october ．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 91.4 | 107.4 | 35.4 | 81.3 |
| November n．．．．．．．．．．． | 82.9 | 96.1 | 31.4 | 79.5 |
| December ．．．．．．．．．．．． | 82.2 | 95.2 | 31.2 | 78.8 |
| 1.978 |  |  |  |  |
| January ．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 81.6 | 95.7 | 29.0 | 75.7 |
| Hebruai＇y ．．．．．．．．．．．． | 80.7 | 95.7 | 28.3 | 71.2 |
| March ©．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 77.9 | 92.7 | 25.5 | 68.5 |
| Agril | 70.7 | 84.2 | 20.9 | 64.0 |
| Way ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 73.9 | 87.4 | 21.8 | 69.5 |
| June 。 | 73.1 | 86.4 | 20.5 | 69.2 |
| July | 88.0 | 105.3 | 27.3 | 76.5 |
| Augus | 89.5 | 108.0 | 27.8 | 75.0 |
| September ．．．．．．．．．．． | 86.0 | 103.9 | 25.5 | 72.2 |
| october ．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 91.1 | 109.6 | 28.1 | 77.4 |
| November | 94.7 | 113.6 | 30.0 | 80.9 |
| December ．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 92.0 | 110.6 | 28.8 | 77.9 |
| 1932 |  |  |  |  |
| January ．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 91.8 | 109.3 | 29.8 | 81.2 |
| Fobruary ．．．．．．．．．．． | 90.1 | 106.3 | 28.0 | 83.8 |
| Varch ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 91.7 | 108.0 | 29.7 | 85.8 |
| April ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 81.9 | 95.9 | 24.8 | 80.0 |
| May ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 83.1 | 97.0 | 25.0 | 82.4 |
| Juna | 86.0 | 100.5 | 25.9 | 84.7 |
| Jv．iv ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 86.1 | 100.6 | 25.7 | 84.9 |
| August ．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 86.3 | 100.5 | 25.4 | 87.0 |
| September ．．．．．．．．．．． | 92.4 | 109.4 | 29.7 | 84.3 |
| october ．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 95.3 | 112.7 | 32.9 | 86.0 |
| November | 94.2 | 110.9 | 31.6 | 87.3 |
| 1）ecember ．．． | 91.8 | 107.9 | 29.6 | 86.7 |
| 1940 |  |  |  |  |
| January ．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 92.7 | 108.8 | 29.6 | 88.4 |
| February ．．．．．．．．．．．． | 91.5 | 107.3 | 28.7 | 87.6 |
| March ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 91.5 | 107.5 | 28.9 | 87.1 |
| Apさil ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 92.9 | 109.2 | 29.1 | 87.8 |
| May ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 83.0 | 97.3 | 25.4 | 80.6 |
| June ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 73.3 | 84.3 | 22.7 | 75.1 |
| उuly | 76.1 | 87.2 | 24.4 | 80.1 |
| August．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 77.5 | 89.1 | 24.9 | 80.3 |
| September ．．．．．．．．．．． | 80.9 | 93.7 | 27.0 | 81.0 |
| october ．．．．．．．．．．． | 81.4 | 94.6 | 27.4 | 80.2 |
| November ．．．．．．．．．．．． | 82.1 | 95.8 | 27.8 | 79.0 |
| December ．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 80.4 | 91.0 | 26.4 | 77.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| canuary ．．．．．．．．．．．． | 80.5 | 93.7 | 27.7 | 78.0 |
| February ．．．．．．．．．．．． | 75.9 | 87.9 | 26.4 | 74.6 |
| Varch ．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 76.0 | 88.2 | 26.6 | 74.5 |
| dipril－and weok ．．．． | 74.5 | 86.3 | 26.8 | 72.7 |

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[^0]:    (A) 1939 average of flour quotation $20 \phi$ per barrel, above 1940 and 1941 quotations.
    (B) Previous to 1941-steers good over 1050 pounds.
    (C) Dressed weight grading. Price per cwt. $1 / 3$ higher than previou live grading "bacon hoga".
    (D) Provious to 1941 f.O.b. Will.

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[^2]:    $\bar{x}$ Comparable 1935 index was 97. 8 . F Revisions due to adjustment between old and new indexes.

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[^4]:    x Weakly figures.

[^5]:    $x$ Based upon an average of daily figures for the week ending on dates specified.

[^6]:    + Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the everege of the daily buying end selling rete set by the Foreign Exchenge Control Bae rd The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $\$ 4.43$ and $\$ 4.47$ respectively and for U.S. funds $\$ 1.10$ and $\$ 1.11$. (x Free Rate).

