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PRICE MOVEMENTS, AUGUST, 1942.

WHOLESALE: Declining 0.5 points to 95.6 between July and August, the Bureau's composite wholesale price index reflected decreases in two of the eight major groups which more than offset a fractional increase in a third. Vegetable products fell 0.9 to 85.1 on seasonal declines in potatoes, onions and hay, while weakness in fish, hides and skins, livestock and fresh meats was mainly responsible for a drop of 1.6 points to 99.5 in the animal products group. Chemicals and allied products stiffened 0.1 to 102.3 in the same interval on strength in certain inorganic chemicals. The composite index for 30 industrial materials moved 0.3 points lower to 94.3 between July and August, due to price declines in the foods and manufacturing materials sub-groups. The food section eased 1.2 points to 86.6, reflecting lower prices for oats and steers which more than offset advances in hogs and a sharp increase in the price of wheat following establishment of a 90¢ per bushel minimum carlot price for No.1 Manitoba northern, basis in store, Fort William or Vancouver. The manufacturing sub-group, reflecting weakness in the price of rosin, decreased 0.2 points to 81.8 in August, while the stable series of 12 items held steady throughout the month at 114.0. On strength in the field products section, Canadian farm products registered an index increase of 0.1 points to 81.2 during the month. An advance of 4.2 points to 66.4 for grains more than offset substantial declines in potatoes, onions and hay to raise the field products series 0.5 points to 68.2. Animal products declined 0.7 points to 102.9, due to continued weakness in livestock prices which outweighed advances in eggs and fluid milk.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 16.8 per cent--from 100.8 to 117.7). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined from 117.9 on July 2 to 117.7 on August 1. This index has increased 16.8 per cent between August 1939 and August 1942. In compliance with Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, the price of cigarettes and tobacco in the August index does not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, under the Special War Revenue Act. The decline in the August index was due mainly to lower prices for beef and potatoes. These decreases more than offset advances for eggs, lemons and oranges, and the food index dropped from 130.3 for July to 128.6 for August. The clothing index rose fractionally from 120.0 to 120.1, while housefurnishings and services recorded a slight decline from 117.9 to 117.8. Other groups remained unchanged, rents at 111.3, fuel and light at 112.5 and miscellaneous items at 107.1.

SECURITIES: The Investors' index of 95 representative common stock prices continued lower in August. Closing at 61.6 the composite index indicated a net loss of 0.8 points from the July average. The decrease mainly reflected further weakness in bank shares coupled with a fractional decline in industrials. For 68 industrials there was an index decline of 0.1 points to 58.5 between July and August, while 19 utility issues were unchanged at 67.8. Banks dropped 9.8 points to 71.9, marking the lowest level reached since commencement of the index in 1914. Mining stocks were slightly lower also, the composite figure for a representative list of 25 issues decreasing 1.2 points to 49.4. Both golds and base metals shared in the decline, the former series being 1.3 points lower at 38.0 and the latter 1.0 points at 72.3. Based upon a 15-year 3 per cent theoretical issue, Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields gained 0.3 points to 99.0 in August.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX MOVEMENTS BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST, 1942.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS: Sharp seasonal declines for potatoes, onions and hay offset advances in western wheat and flax to lower the composite vegetable products group index 0.9 points to 85.1 between July and August. In the potato sub-group, declines ranging up to $1.45 per 75-pound bag lowered the index 41.4 points to 86.3 in August. Over the same period the onion price average dropped 39.8 p.c. to an index level of 101.8. In the miscellaneous section, due to lower quotations for most types of hay, coupled with easier rosin prices, there was an index drop of 2.8 points to 92.9 in August. The milled products series was off 0.7 points at 78.5, reflecting price decreases for rolled oats and oatmeal which more than offset a $2.00 per ton increase for gluten feed. In order to maintain flour price 'ceilings', despite higher wheat costs, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced on August 21 that millers would receive a drawback representing the difference between the average price paid for wheat and the 'ceiling' period price on wheat ground for domestic use. The price for wheat appropriate to the flour 'ceiling' has been tentatively set at 77 3/8¢ per bushel for No.1 Manitoba northern in store, Fort William. No drawback will be paid on flour exported. Registering an advance of 3.9 points to 66.1 the grain series reflected higher minimum prices for wheat and flax.

For No.1 Manitoba northern wheat, carlots, basis in store, Fort William or Vancouver, a minimum price of 90¢ per bushel was set for the 1942-43 crop year, while a minimum price of $2.25 per bushel was set for flax No.1 C.W. on the same basis. Other grain prices were lower during the month with Ontario winter wheat off 10¢ per bushel, western oats 7¢; barley 4.6 ¢ and rye 2.5¢ per bushel. While unofficial reports continued to point to a record wheat outturn in western Canada, wet weather has acted as a deterrent in harvesting operations recently. Canned vegetables advanced 1.3 points to 79.5, due to an increase in the price of peas. Other sub-groups were unchanged from the previous month's level.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: The Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of animal products moved down from 101.1 to 99.5 in August. Lower prices obtained for fishery products, sheepskins, livestock, fresh meats, and oils and fats, while the indexes for prepared meats, milk, butter, and eggs showed strength. The livestock price index dropped 4 p.c. to 126.6 in August with steer prices declining 5 p.c. and lamb prices 17 p.c., while indexes for calves and hogs went up about 2 p.c. and 1 p.c. respectively. Cattle runs were fairly heavy and a considerable number of those offered for export were bought by the Wartime Foods Corporation for domestic use. The index for fresh meats dropped 8 p.c. to 117.9, as beef wholesale prices were twice revised downward during the month, and lamb came under the ceiling on August 23. Cured meats moved upward from 96.6 to 96.9. A 14 p.c. drop in halibut prices at Prince Rupert outweighed small increases in the prices of fillets of haddock and kippered herring, and the index for fish dropped from 110.4 to 108.1. Milk and butter moved up fractionally while cheese was unchanged. Cold storage stocks of creamery butter were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Bureau of Statistics at 48,388,000 pounds on September 1, or 7,189,000 pounds more than on the first of the previous month. Lard prices were generally easier, and the index for oils and fats declined narrowly from 73.6 to 73.1. A rise in the price for city-cured sheepskins was overbalanced by a drop for country-cured skins, and the index for hides and skins fell from 100.9 to 100.3. Eggs averaged about 6 p.c. higher than in July. Buying by the Special Products Board absorbed surpluses and kept prices above the export contract prices. Cold storage supplies totalled 10,989,000 dozen, compared with 14,590,000 dozen on the first of August. Order No.178 of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, issued on August 29, placed eggs under definite ceiling prices as from that date. Maximum wholesale prices for Grade A eggs were set for each of 11 zones, with further regulations governing prices for other grades, and the retail price mark-up.

FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS: A drop in the cotton knit goods sub-group from 101.3 in July to 98.9 in August was counterbalanced by an increase of 1.3 points to 92.2 for miscellaneous fibre products to hold the composite fibres, textiles and textile products index unchanged at 91.9. Other sub-groups were steady. War requirements continued to absorb approximately 70 p.c. of cotton mill capacity with sufficient orders on hand to maintain production at that level for the next 10 to 12 months. Imports of raw cotton for the first six months of 1942 totalled 154 million pounds compared with 120 millions in the corresponding period of 1941. Cotton bale openings totalled 41,873 in July against a revised figure of 36,927 in June. In the woollen section domestic raw wool production was expected to reach 10 million pounds for 1942 with prices to the producer being those set by the Canadian Wool Board in March of this year. Advances of 25 to 30 p.c. recently have occurred in the landed price of Australian and New Zealand wool.

WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER: With all sub-groups unchanged, the wood, wood products and paper group index held steady at 101.5 in August. Severe labour shortages continued to be the main deterrent to increased production in 1942. According to a recent survey by the Canadian Lumberman's Association, a labour shortage of 40 p.c. is anticipated which, coupled with lower efficiency due to higher proportions of unskilled workers, would indicate an estimated lumber output of only one-half of 1942-43 requirements. To take care of the increasingly serious shortage of lumber a new eight-point programme was announced recently. Principal among these points were: (1) lumbering would be classed as an essential industry, (2) increased manpower would be made available, and (3) use of lumber by civilians, railways and municipalities would be rigidly controlled. Reports from British Columbia stated the June sawlog scale of 298 million feet board measure to be considerably below both the previous month's level and the June 1, 1941, figure. Continued sales of lumber to the United Kingdom market were reported by the Maritime Lumber Bureau, while reserve stocks were adequate.

IRON AND STEEL: Prices of iron and steel products held firm in August, and the index remained at 113.5 the same level as has obtained since May. Canadian steel manufacturing operations were maintained at capacity levels and July output of ingots and castings amounted to 256,560 tons, 2,397 tons over June, and 35,566 tons above July 1941. Pig iron production moved up to 172,153 tons against a June figure of 167,961 tons and a July 1941 output of 114,245 tons. There was a further tightening of the restrictions on the purchases of iron and steel products for other than war purposes. Regulations regarding the placing of orders for iron and steel were revised to release further stocks for war purposes.

NON-FERROUS METALS: There has been no change in the composite index for non-ferrous metals since February, the index remaining at 78.4 from February through August. Among sub-groups a fractional decline in tin ingots lowered the index for this series 0.6 points to 95.6 between July and August. According to the Department of Munitions and Supply, domestic tin consumption was currently 40 p.c. below pre-war levels with civilian consumption, at approximately 50 tons per month, showing a drop of 75 p.c.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: There was no change in the index for non-metallic minerals and their products which remained at 100.0 in August. As a result of the growing shortage of oil, August 31 was set as the deadline for switching over from oil to some other fuel in heating and steam producing plants of commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings throughout Canada. Exceptions were permitted only under special permit. Private dwellings were not affected by this order, but restrictions were placed upon the installation and use of equipment after September 1.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS: The index for chemicals and allied products moved up fractionally from 102.2 to 102.3 in August. A 4 p.c. gain in the price of calcium carbide, and a 1 p.c. advance in copper sulphate prices brought up the inorganic chemical index from 88.9 to 89.4. Due to higher prices for acetylene, the index for industrial gases rose 0.7 points to 83.7, between July and August.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
August, 1942	94.3	94.4	94.3	94.4	-
July, 1942	95.0	94.7	94.8	94.7	94.6
June, 1942	94.8	94.9	94.9	95.0	-
May, 1942 .....(May 1)	93.6	93.5	93.8	94.0	94.1

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
August, 1942	80.7	81.5	81.4	80.7	-
July, 1942	81.8	82.3	81.9	80.8	80.0
June, 1942	81.3	81.7	81.9	83.1	-
May, 1942 .....(May 1)	79.7	79.8	80.0	80.5	81.0

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1940											
July	82.6	83.7	77.7	95.3	74.9	80.7	52.8	83.9	64.4	78.7	64.8
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	96.7	73.8	81.3	50.4	83.3	62.7	78.1	63.9
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.4	81.6	50.7	85.8	63.8	78.2	63.1
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6	78.8	64.0
November	84.0	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.2	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.4	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.8	83.5	107.7	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.4	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.3	92.1	84.6	109.8	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.1	93.5	84.6	111.5	83.5	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.4	95.4	85.6	112.1	84.7	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	94.0	96.6	85.8	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.8	112.8	85.7	92.1	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.2	90.5	91.5	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6
July	96.1	96.6	88.0	113.8	90.4	91.9	67.7	103.6	81.1	94.6	82.0
August	95.6	95.3	88.7	113.8	89.7	91.8	68.2	102.9	81.2	94.3	81.8

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	August 1941	June 1942	July 1942	August 1942
	Total Index	526	90.0	92.1	95.8	96.1	95.6
I.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	77.7	84.4	86.0	85.1
	Fruits	14	88.6	94.7	103.9	107.3	111.1
	Fresh	4	91.8	98.8	111.0	115.4	120.5
	Dried	4	82.2	82.2	91.7	92.2	92.2
	Canned	6	75.5	82.3	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	56.2	55.9	62.5	62.2	66.1
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	73.8	75.3	79.2	78.5
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	121.8	132.4	132.2	132.2
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	75.8	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	120.3	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	111.2	122.7	122.7	122.7
	Vegetables	13	66.1	68.7	103.6	121.3	86.4
II.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	97.0	102.3	101.1	99.5
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	93.8	111.6	110.4	108.1
	Furs	9	80.5	78.0	81.9	74.5	74.5
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	105.6	95.9	100.9	100.3
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	109.3	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	104.7	105.3	105.3	105.3
	Live Stock	4	110.0	114.6	149.5	132.5	126.6
	Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	101.2	112.9	111.4	106.4
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	97.7	95.7	95.7	95.8
	Fats	5	63.3	78.0	75.0	73.6	73.1
	Eggs	3	70.8	79.8	75.2	78.6	83.8
III.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	94.0	92.0	91.9	91.9
	Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	113.7	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	91.3	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	98.0	101.3	101.3	98.9
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	90.7	90.9	90.9	92.2
	Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	48.9	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	96.4	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	105.5	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	98.5	101.8	101.5	101.5
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	127.6	132.6	131.7	131.7
	Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	99.1	101.7	104.7	104.7	104.7
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	112.6	115.3	115.3	115.3
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	117.0	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	92.5	92.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.0	78.2	78.4	78.4	78.4
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	86.6	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	92.4	96.2	96.2	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.2	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.2	101.1	103.0	103.0	103.0

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	August 1941	June 1942	July 1942	August 1942
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	97.6	99.9	100.0	100.0
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	93.7	96.3	94.2	96.3	96.3
Coal	13	108.3	109.5	113.7	113.7	113.7
Coke	4	121.8	122.0	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	82.5	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	111.8	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	87.3	89.6	87.3	87.3
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	78.0	80.3	80.3	80.3
Building Stone	3	68.4	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.9	100.8	102.2	102.2	102.3
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	87.7	88.8	88.9	89.4
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	88.0	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	162.6	170.4	176.0	176.0	176.0
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	85.4	82.8	83.0	83.7

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	93.6	95.0	96.6	95.3
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	92.9	98.6	100.2	97.2
Beverages	8	112.9	114.8	125.8	125.8	125.8
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	73.8	75.3	79.2	76.5
Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	92.9	93.8	111.6	110.4	108.1
Fruits	14	88.6	94.7	103.9	107.3	111.1
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	101.2	112.9	111.4	106.4
Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	97.7	95.7	95.7	95.8
Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	120.3	120.6	120.6	120.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	65.7	103.6	121.3	86.4
Eggs	3	70.8	79.8	75.2	78.6	83.8
Tobacco	7	41.9	41.8	45.7	45.7	45.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	94.0	94.2	94.2	94.1
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	93.2	90.9	90.9	90.7
Household Equipment and Supplies	49	92.9	94.5	96.7	96.7	96.7
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	84.6	88.7	89.0	88.7
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	107.1	110.4	110.4	110.5
Tools	3	93.7	93.2	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.9	108.4	111.9	111.9	112.0
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	August 1941	June 1942	July 1942	August 1942
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	82.1	86.3	85.5	86.3
Building and Construction Materials	110	107.3	111.6	114.2	113.8	113.8
*Lumber	33	120.6	127.6	132.6	131.7	131.7
Paint	12	82.3	84.6	86.6	86.6	86.6
Miscellaneous	65	100.8	102.9	103.4	103.5	103.5
Manufacturers' Materials	243	76.6	77.1	81.6	80.7	81.6
Textiles and Clothing	46	88.2	90.8	86.8	86.7	86.9
Furs and Leather Goods	24	98.0	98.0	99.3	97.5	97.4
For Metal Working Industries	40	85.1	85.6	86.4	86.4	86.4
For Chemical Using Industries	42	96.5	97.0	97.8	98.6	98.9
For Meat Packing Industries	4	110.0	114.6	149.5	132.5	126.6
For Milling and Other Industries	22	56.2	55.9	62.5	62.2	66.1
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	78.8	78.6	81.3	82.0	81.7

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	83.5	90.5	90.4	89.7
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	91.0	91.5	91.9	91.8
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	84	63.2	64.1	73.4	74.2	73.7
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	83	86.8	88.1	88.0	89.0	88.8
(c) Total	167	75.9	77.0	81.3	82.2	81.8
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	36	95.0	97.4	103.6	102.0	100.0
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	54	89.0	93.9	93.4	93.5	93.6
(c) Total	90	91.6	95.4	97.8	97.2	96.4
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.5	56.7	66.3	67.7	68.2
(2) Animal	18	95.9	97.9	107.0	103.6	102.9
(3) Total	68	71.2	72.1	81.5	81.1	81.2
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	7	79.6	80.2	103.9	105.6	99.2
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	9	96.8	98.8	116.7	113.6	113.6
(c) Total	16	92.1	93.8	113.2	111.4	109.7
*III. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	117.1	121.9	128.5	127.8	127.8
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	20	76.9	77.3	77.6	77.6	77.6
(c) Total	57	95.6	98.1	101.3	101.0	101.0
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	59	92.6	93.2	95.1	95.2	95.2
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	98.0	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.5
(c) Total	195	95.6	96.9	98.6	98.7	98.7

* Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All Prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	August 1941	June 1942	July 1942	August 1942
OATS, No. 2 C.W.		$	$	$	$	$
Ft. William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.408	.453	.515	.513	.461
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern						
Ft. William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.747	.733	.800	.808	.889
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's						
Cotton, Toronto		5.529	5.030	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked						
sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.283	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.820	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs.						
Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.790	12.440	10.630	9.840
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	14.620	15.490	15.850	16.110
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides						
Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. 1 and II,						
F.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D,						
f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade						
Montreal	Lb.	.348	.379	.358	.358	.361
CHEESE, Canada, old, large						
Montreal	Lb.	.271	.266	.340	.340	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large						
Montreal	Doz.	.346	.394	.352	.368	.429
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16"						
Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.216	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single						
Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.380	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ¾ blood						
domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright						
½ blood, domestic f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.280	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No. 1						
delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	Ton	44.000	44.000	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild	100					
Mill	Lbs.	2.686	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.o.b.	Gross					
Plant	Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic						
Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	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.	.618	.629	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, 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	12.138	12.316	12.553	12.553	12.553
COAL, Bituminous, N.S.						
run-of-mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(B) GASOLENE, Standard						
Toronto	Gal.	.193	.205	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume	Net					
f.o.b. works	Ton	17.250	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide, (exclusive of Denver).

(B) 1942 - Federal Tax included

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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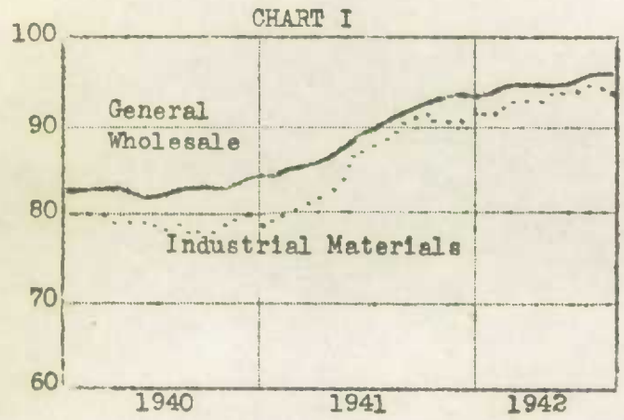

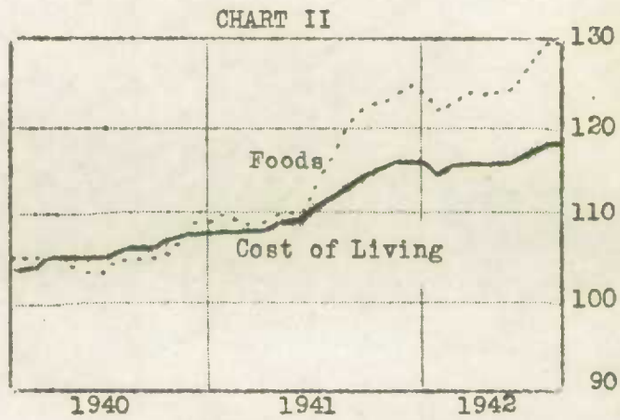

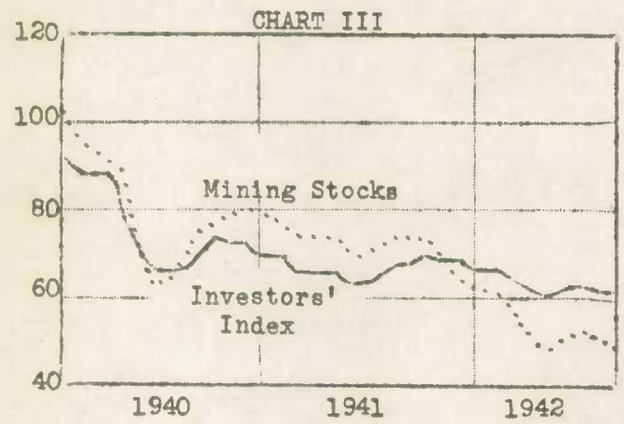

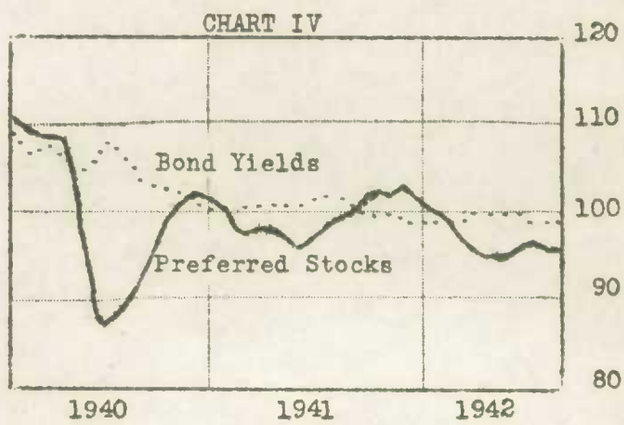

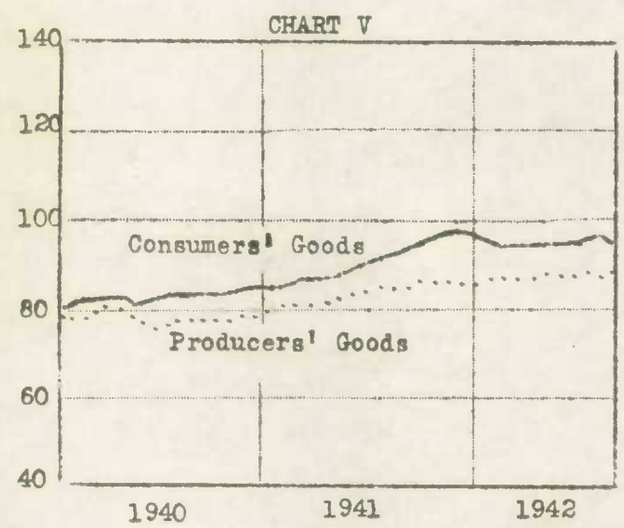

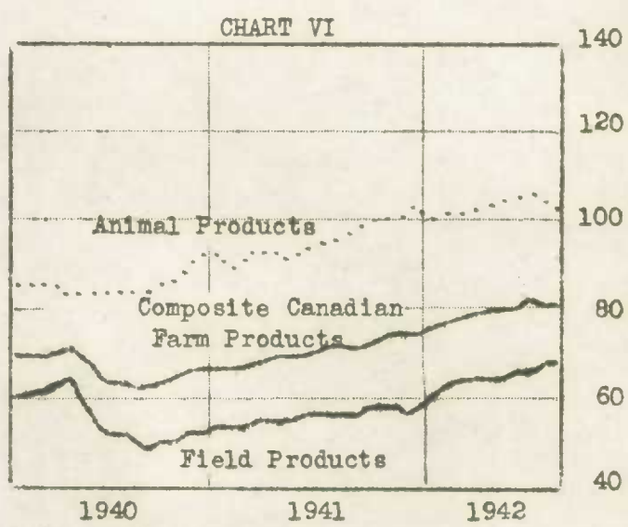

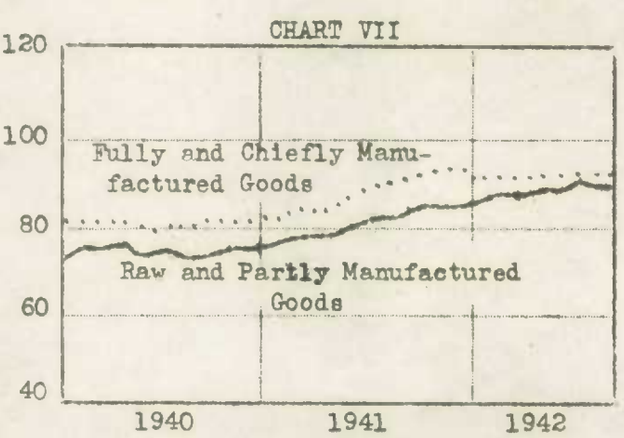

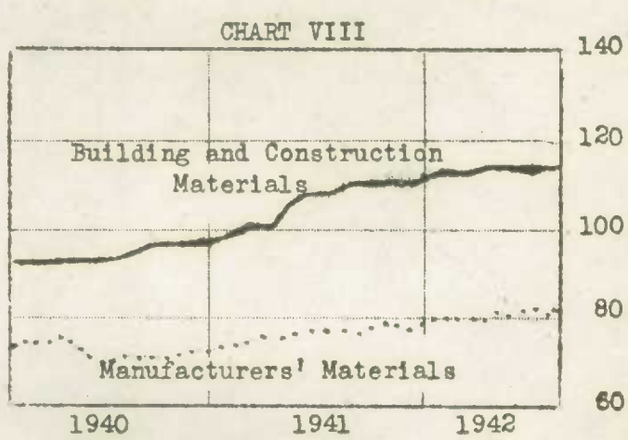

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, AUGUST 1, 1942.

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of Canadian living costs on the base 1935-1939=100 fell from 117.9 in July to 117.7 in August. The index on August 1st was 16.8 per cent above the August 1, 1939, level.

An index for 46 food items moved down from 130.3 to 129.6, declines for meats and vegetables influencing the index more than advances for eggs and fruits. Dry groceries also showed a fractional gain while dairy products and cereals remained unchanged.

Advances in women's wear carried the clothing index up from 120.0 to 120.1.

The home furnishings and services index dropped from 117.9 to 117.8, following a small decrease in cleaning supplies. Indexes for other groups were unchanged as follows: Rent 111.3, fuel and light 112.5 and miscellaneous items 107.1.

An index for retail prices alone declined from 123.9 to 123.5.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-AUGUST 1, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

		Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail 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	-
	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939						Home furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous 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
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug. 1		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
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
1942 Jan. 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
Apr. 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
Aug. 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5

* By Order-in-Council P.C.5963 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942 by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, an August figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 118.0.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES
(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
				General Cost of Living				
1941								
December	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942								
February	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
April	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
June	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
August	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
				Foods				
1941								
December	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
1942								
February	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
April	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
June	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
August	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
				Rent				
1941								
December	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1942								
February	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
April	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
June	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
August	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
				Fuel and Lighting				
1941								
December	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1942								
February	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
April	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
June	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
August	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
				Clothing				
1941								
December	116.1	120.8	123.1	117.3	117.1	119.9	122.9	118.8
1942								
February	116.1	120.7	123.1	117.2	116.8	119.2	122.7	118.9
April	116.1	120.8	123.2	117.3	116.8	119.2	122.9	118.6
June	116.1	120.8	123.2	117.3	116.8	119.2	123.0	118.6
August	116.3	120.9	123.2	117.5	116.8	119.3	123.2	119.8
				Home Furnishings and Services				
1941								
December	114.5	115.9	117.5	114.1	115.3	120.2	117.0	113.1
1942								
February	114.7	116.1	117.5	114.1	115.7	120.1	117.1	113.1
April	114.7	116.1	117.6	114.2	115.6	120.1	117.2	112.8
June	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.0	115.6	119.9	117.0	113.1
August	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.1	115.7	119.7	117.1	113.0
				Miscellaneous				
1941								
December	105.3	107.0	104.6	106.9	105.3	104.7	104.7	104.9
1942								
February	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
April	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
June	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
August	105.7	107.7	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3

CITY COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, AUGUST 1, 1942.

Increases ranging from 0.5 points to 2.1 points occurred in the eight regional city cost-of-living index numbers of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics between June 1 and August 1, 1942. Foods were mainly responsible for the latest rise, with city food indexes for August 1 being from 29.0 per cent to 35.1 per cent above pre-war levels. Clothing indexes moved up slightly in most areas, while small increases occurred in the home furnishings indexes for Toronto, Winnipeg and Edmonton. Saskatoon and Vancouver furnishings indexes moved slightly lower while those for Halifax, St.John and Montreal remained unchanged.

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

Price movements on Canadian common stock markets were mixed during August and resulted in a minor rise of 0.2 p.c. to 61.5 for the composite index between the weeks ended July 30 and September 3. Net changes were not as substantial as in July. The greatest increases were recorded by the oils which advanced 4.3 p.c. to 48.4; textile and clothing shares rose 1.2 p.c. to 98.3 and beverages 1.0 p.c. to 96.9. Heading the declines were the pulp and paper issues, down 4.4 p.c. to 54.7 followed by milling stocks off 3.1 p.c. to 59.7, building materials 2.8 p.c. to 71.8 and foods 1.1 p.c. to 75.2. Bank listings continued to display marked weakness, the index declining 7.7 p.c. from 75.6 on July 30 to 69.8 on September 3. The Bureau's monthly average price index for 95 common stocks moved lower from 62.4 in July to 61.6 in August. Industrials fell 0.1 points to 58.5, utilities remained unchanged at 67.8, while banks showed a sharp drop of 9.8 points to 71.9.

MINING STOCK PRICES

Price averages for gold and base metal issues showed further recession during August and a weekly price index of twenty-five mining stocks declined from 49.8 on July 30 to 49.0 on September 3, for a net loss of 1.6 p.c. At this level the general price index of mining shares was 2.3 p.c. above its low point of 47.9 for the week ended April 16. Monthly indexes were 38.0 for golds and 72.3 for base metals compared with 39.3 and 73.3 respectively, for July. Appearing below is a table of average prices for the weeks of September 3 and July 30, 1942, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

GOLDS

	Sept.3 $	July 30 $		Sept.3 $	July 30 $
Beattie	.55	-	Little Long Lac	.65	.81
Bralorne	6.00	6.05	Macassa	1.75	2.04
Buffalo-Ankerite	1.16	1.20	McIntyre	39.00	39.00
Cariboo Gold Quartz..	.85	-	Pickle Crow	1.53	1.63
Central Patricia	.71	.75	Pioneer	1.12	1.30
Dome	14.00	13.25	San Antonio	1.34	1.50
God's Lake	.12	.095	Siscoe	.32	.34
Hollinger	7.20	7.25	Sylvanite	1.25	-
Kirkland Lake	.42	.41	Teck-Hughes	1.49	1.65
Lake Shore	7.80	8.00	Uchi	.042	-
Lamaque Gold Mines ..	3.60	3.55	Wright-Hargreaves	1.95	2.05
		BASE METALS			
Falconbridge	2.40	2.40	Noranda	43.00	42.87
Hudson Bay	22.00	22.87			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index was up 0.1 p.c. to 95.8 between July and August. This index compared with 100.0 in August, 1941. Gains were made by the oils group which advanced 6.4 p.c. followed by textiles up 1.0 p.c. above July averages. Machinery and equipment issues showed fractional increases while tobacco stocks remained unchanged. Declines were recorded by the pulp and paper group, down 3.6 p.c., power issues, 1.3 p.c. and foods 1.2 p.c. Other losses were fractional.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	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	133.8	124.4	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	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	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8				

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS										UTILITIES				BANKS
Number of Securities 1942	Total 95	Total 68	Machinery and Equipment 8	Pulp and Paper 7	Milling 3	Oils 4	Textiles and Clothing 10	Food and Allied Products 12	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	Total 19	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 15	Total 8
1940 - January	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.3	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1929 - High	76.2	127.3	89.2
Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 - High	53.6	32.9	45.2
Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 - High	95.0	57.7	81.4
Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 - 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
x1936 - High	115.7	128.9	118.8
Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 - High	120.0	142.7	125.6
Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 - High	106.6	129.1	112.2
Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 - High	105.7	130.1	113.5
Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 - High	92.1	122.4	102.2
Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 - High	75.2	96.1	80.6
Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1940			
April	81.3	110.8	91.2
May	67.6	88.5	74.5
June	57.7	74.7	63.4
July	59.1	75.1	64.8
August	64.6	83.7	71.0
September	70.8	91.0	77.5
October	72.9	91.3	79.2
November	76.3	94.5	82.4
December	74.9	90.0	80.2
1941			
January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	85.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942			
January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending July 23rd	38.8	73.0	50.2
" " " 30th	38.5	72.4	49.8
" " Aug. 6th	38.4	72.6	49.8
" " " 13th	38.5	73.3	50.2
" " " 20th	38.1	71.7	49.3
" " " 27th	37.1	72.2	48.9
" " Sept. 3rd	37.7	71.6	49.0

x Weekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields, on the base 1935-1939=100, moved from 98.7 for July to 99.0 for August. This compared with 101.2 for the corresponding month of 1941, and 104.3 for August 1940. The weekly index was unchanged at 99.0 for the week ending August 5, but declined 0.4 points in the following week. In the third week this loss was recovered, and a further increase to 99.3 for the week ending August 26 showed a net gain for the month of 0.3. Provincial bond prices were firmer with some of the western maturities showing advances up to 5.0 points. An index of Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, fell from 90.3* for July to 88.9 for August, and the average yield of the issues included in the index decreased from 3.18* to 3.13.

British Consols closed 5/8 higher at 83 3/8, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds rose from 89.28 to 89.92.

* Revised.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1936-1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	-
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
June 3	99.0	July 8	98.6	August 5	99.0
" 10	99.0	" 15	98.6	" 12	98.6
" 17	98.6	" 22	98.6	" 19	99.0
" 24	98.6	" 29	99.0	" 26	99.3
" 30	99.0				

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1942.

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

	New York Funds $	London Sterling $	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper) $	(A) Brazil Milreis $	India Rupee $
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	*1.1050	*4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - March	1.1050	4.450	.2627	.0571	.3359
April	1.1050	4.450	.2628	.0571	.3359
May	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0571	.3359
June	1.1050	4.450	.2611	.0571	.3359
July	1.1050	4.450	.2622	.0571	.3359
August	1.1050	4.450	.2636	.0571	.3359

* Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

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

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - July	93.6	95.9	73.8	89.6
August	94.0	97.0	73.0	87.2
September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	67.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August 2nd week	67.9	70.1	64.0	58.4

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