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**DECEMBER 1943**

Wholesale Prices  
Retail Prices  
Security Prices



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PRICE MOVEMENTS, DECEMBER, 1943.

WHOLESALE: The general level of wholesale prices edged upward a further 0.1 to 102.5 in December due mainly to the effect of authorized increases for imported and domestic bituminous coal, and to small increases in the vegetable products group. The non-metallic group advanced 1.9 points to 102.4 reflecting in addition to coal increases, seasonally higher prices for crushed stone, sand and gravel. Advances for certain grades of unmanufactured tobacco, rye, potatoes, green coffee beans, onions and lemons outweighed lower prices for flour and oranges, to advance the vegetable products group 0.1 to 94.9. For animal products a decline of 0.1 to 109.6 was due to a sharp drop in egg quotations, particularly in central and western Canadian centres. These outweighed a firmer tone for livestock, furs, fowl and butter. A minor decline in inorganic chemicals was responsible for a drop of 0.1 to 100.2 for chemicals and allied products. The advance in the general level of wholesale prices has amounted to 5.7 p.c. over the past twelve months, while the wartime increase has been 41.8 p.c.

Canadian farm product prices rose to 104.6 in December for a gain of 0.4 points. Higher quotations for rye, tobacco, potatoes and onions lifted field products 0.4 to 91.7, while another gain of 0.4 for animal products to 126.1, reflected upturns for livestock and fowl. These outweighed weakness in eggs. The December, 1942 - December, 1943 composite index rise amounted to 20.1 p.c. which compared with an August 1939 - December 1943 increase of 79.1 p.c; this latter increase was accentuated by the very low levels for grains obtaining in August 1939. If this comparison were based on July 1939 price levels, the wartime rise would approximate 66 p.c.

On the base 1926=100, the composite index for 30 industrial materials moved 0.2 points higher to 99.4 in December. Foods were mainly responsible for the gain, higher prices for steers and hogs advancing this series 1.0 to 101.6. The stable series of 12 commodities moved up 0.3 to 120.0 on an increase in imported American bituminous coal, while the manufacturing materials sub-group weakened 0.1 to 82.8 due to small declines in rosin and cottonseed oil. The twelve month increase in the composite index amounted to 4.5 p.c. while the August 1939 - December 1943 comparison indicated a net gain of 52.2 p.c.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 18.4 per cent - from 100.8 to 119.3). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined from 119.4 on November 1 to 119.3 on December 1, 1943. Decreases in indexes for foods and fuel and lighting overbalanced a rise in homefurnishings and miscellaneous items. The food index dropped from 133.1 to 132.7 with declines for beef, pork, oranges, turnips and cabbage of greater importance than increases for butter, eggs and potatoes. The reduction in the fuel and lighting index from 113.3 to 111.9 was due to rebates in electricity bills in a considerable number of the larger cities. An index for homefurnishings and services advanced from 113.2 to 118.8 due to increases in the furniture and chinaware. The miscellaneous index moved up from 108.3 to 108.6, reflecting an increase in the recreation sub-group.



**SECURITIES:** Security prices pursued an indefinite trend in December following the sharp set-back in the preceding month. Highest prices generally were recorded at mid-month, with closing quotations, averaging slightly above final November levels.

The Investors' monthly index for 94 common stocks advanced 1.1 p.c. to 80.5 in December, while the increase over December, 1942 amounted to 12.9 p.c. Utilities recorded a 2.7 p.c. advance to 96.6 for the month, and 15.3 p.c. since December 1942, while 68 industrials showed an upward change of 0.9 p.c. and 12.8 p.c. for the same periods. The following statement gives the more important sub-group changes between November and December 1943:

Sub-Group	Percentage Change	Sub-Group	Percentage Change
Transportation .....	+ 8.8	Foods .....	- 2.9
Pulp and Paper .....	+ 6.4	Building Materials ...	- 1.4
Industrial Mines ....	+ 2.7	Banks .....	- 1.3
Beverages .....	+ 2.6	Milling .....	- 1.0
Machinery and Equipment	+ 2.1		

Mining stocks were 2.7 p.c. higher at 74.9 in December which compared with a twelve month advance of 36.9 p.c. The gold series gained 3.9 p.c. and 53.2 p.c. in the same intervals to a December level of 68.5. Corresponding increases in the base metals sub-group were 0.9 p.c. and 16.3 p.c. respectively, with the December index being 86.5. The composite monthly index for 30 preferred stocks stiffened 0.4 p.c. to 115.8 in December; pulp and paper stocks advanced 3.9 p.c. and power shares 3.6 p.c. Compared with the December 1942 level this index has advanced 15.3 p.c. but has shown a decline of 2.0 p.c. from the 1943 peak of 118.2 in October. Small December declines were noted for machinery and equipment issues, down 1.4 p.c., and foods and beverages each 1.1 p.c. lower.

The yield of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, remained at 3.00 during December, and the corresponding index, on the base 1935-39=100, stood at 97.3. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, declined from 83.8 for November to 81.8 for December. The yields decreased from 2.95 to 2.88.

#### WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(1926=100)

	Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943	Dec. 1943	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943	Dec. 1943
1st week	98.8	99.1	99.3	99.3	96.4	103.6	104.2	104.6
2nd week	99.0	99.1	99.2	99.3	96.1	103.7	104.2	104.7
3rd week	99.1	99.1	99.2	99.3	97.1	103.7	104.3	104.8
4th week	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.4	98.9	103.8	104.5	104.9
5th week	99.2			99.4	103.0			104.3

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
1913 .....	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8
1920 .....	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5
1929 .....	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0
1933 .....	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2
1939 .....	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3
1940 .....	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5
1941 .....	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8
1942 .....	95.6	95.6	88.3	115.2	90.1	91.9
<u>1939</u>						
August .....	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6
<u>1943</u>						
January .....	97.1	96.1	90.8	118.3	93.1	92.5
February .....	97.5	96.4	91.3	118.3	93.9	92.7
March .....	98.5	96.7	92.7	118.4	95.6	93.3
April .....	98.9	96.7	93.2	119.1	97.1	92.7
May .....	99.2	97.0	93.6	119.1	98.0	92.7
June .....	99.5	97.3	94.1	119.1	98.7	92.8
July .....	100.1	97.5	95.2	119.3	100.0	92.8
August .....	100.4	97.4	95.7	121.6	100.5	93.0
September .....	101.2	97.0	97.2	123.3	101.4	93.7
October .....	101.9	97.3	98.2	123.7	103.2	93.7
November .....	102.4	97.4	98.9	126.1	103.8	93.8
December .....	102.5	97.3	99.4	126.5	104.2	93.8

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS -- Concl'd.  
(1926-100)

Canadian Farm Products						
				Industrial	Eighteen Sensitive	Twelve Stable
				Materials	Materials	Materials
	Field	Animal	Total			
1913 .....	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920 .....	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-	-
1929 .....	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	88.8	96.5
1933 .....	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.7	75.0
1939 .....	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.8	89.4
1940 .....	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	66.8	101.7
1941 .....	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.2	109.2
1942 .....	66.5	109.2	82.5	94.2	83.1	113.7
<u>1939</u>						
August .....	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.8	88.4
<u>1943</u>						
January.....	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	84.9	115.6
February .....	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	85.3	115.6
March .....	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	85.8	115.6
April .....	76.8	118.2	92.3	96.7	85.7	116.0
May .....	77.4	118.7	92.8	97.0	85.8	116.6
June .....	79.4	119.4	94.4	97.5	86.2	116.6
July .....	82.6	119.4	96.4	97.8	86.5	117.1
August .....	84.9	118.6	97.5	98.7	87.0	119.1
September .....	86.1	117.6	97.9	98.7	87.1	119.1
October .....	90.8	125.0	103.6	99.1	87.5	119.4
November .....	91.3	125.7	104.2	99.2	87.5	119.7
December .....	91.7	126.1	104.6	99.4	87.7	120.0



COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

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

Commodity	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: Yearly : : Average : : 1942 :	: : : Dec. : : 1942 :	: : : Oct. : : 1943 :	: : : Nov. : : 1943 :	: : : Dec. : : 1943 :
Total Index	510	95.6	97.0	101.9	102.4	102.5
1. Vegetable Products	113	84.5	86.0	94.1	94.8	94.9
Fruits	14	107.9	126.4	114.8	115.1	113.5
Fresh	4	115.6	140.7	125.1	125.5	123.4
Dried	4	93.4	93.7	93.7	93.7	93.7
Canned	6	75.9	73.5	73.9	73.9	73.9
Grains	22	63.7	67.3	88.9	90.0	90.0
Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	78.9	79.4	79.4	79.1
Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	132.1	132.2	132.2	129.8	129.5
Rubber and Its Products	6	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	121.3	121.4	121.5	121.5	121.5
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	109.6	111.7	111.7	112.7
Vegetables	13	93.1	85.4	95.5	99.3	100.5
11. Animals and Their Products	74	101.1	105.0	109.6	109.7	109.6
Fishery Products	16	111.0	116.9	135.6	138.4	138.4
Furs	9	74.3	67.6	120.9	120.9	123.4
Hides and Skins	6	114.6	120.1	94.2	94.2	94.2
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.7	106.2	106.2	106.2
Live Stock	4	130.7	137.1	138.7	141.2	145.7
Meats and Poultry	8	106.1	108.2	113.2	111.3	111.7
Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	100.1	98.9	99.6	99.7
Fats	5	76.2	88.2	83.8	83.8	83.8
Eggs	3	87.7	108.1	115.7	117.1	111.3
111. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	61	92.0	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9
Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	100.5	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	91.4	92.2	92.2	92.2	92.2
Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
Rayon Yarns	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	4	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
1v. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	50	101.8	103.1	113.9	115.8	115.8
Newsprint & Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	86.2	86.2	86.2
Lumber	34	133.0	136.7	152.4	158.1	158.1
Pulp	3	118.1	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION  
(1926=100)

Commodity	: No. of : Price : Series :	: Yearly : Average : 1942 :	: : Dec. : 1942 :	: : Oct. : 1943 :	: : Nov. : 1943 :	: : Dec. : 1943 :
V. Iron and Its Products	43	115.4	115.8	115.8	115.8	115.8
Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.3
Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
Wire	3	103.4	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5
Scrap	4	111.9	111.9	109.7	109.7	109.7
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	79.7	79.7	79.7	79.7
Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
Tin Ingots	2	95.7	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6
Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.2	59.2	59.2
Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	60	103.1	103.8	103.8	103.8	103.8
VII. Non-metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	99.0	99.5	100.5	100.5	102.4
Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	101.3	102.4	102.4	102.4
Coal	13	113.0	113.8	117.2	117.2	121.6
Coke	4	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.7
Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	88.0	89.1	87.3	87.3	94.4
Crushed Stone	3	83.0	91.1	80.3	80.3	92.9
Building Stone	3	70.8	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	71	102.7	100.9	100.3	100.3	100.2
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	89.1	89.4	90.1	89.5
Organic Chemicals	5	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6
Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	137.5	137.5	137.5
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	167.7	162.6	162.6	162.6
Fertilizers	8	86.2	83.9	83.7	83.7	83.7
Industrial Gases	2	83.3	82.3	86.5	84.8	84.4



PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

Commodity	: No. of : Price : Series	: Yearly : Average : 1942	: Dec. : 1942 :	: Oct. : 1943 :	: Nov. : 1943 :	: Dec. : 1943 :
1. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	207	95.6	96.5	97.3	97.4	97.3
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	114	98.1	100.8	103.1	103.3	103.3
B. Other Consumers' Goods	93	94.0	93.6	93.4	93.4	94.1
11. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	366	88.3	90.0	98.2	98.9	99.4
C. Producers' Equipment	24	109.4	110.1	114.2	114.3	117.5
D. Producers' Materials	342	86.0	87.3	96.4	97.2	97.4

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	213	90.1	92.8	103.2	103.8	104.2
Farm Origin - Field	72	73.1	75.4	91.1	92.3	92.4
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	107.5	113.9	112.4	112.3
Marine	7	98.6	101.8	125.9	134.0	134.0
Forest x	38	128.5	131.3	142.3	146.2	146.2
Mineral	60	94.8	95.6	96.9	96.9	98.7
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	297	91.9	92.6	93.7	93.8	93.8
Farm Origin - Field	82	88.6	88.9	89.3	89.2	89.1
Farm Origin - Animal	52	94.3	95.9	93.6	93.9	93.9
Marine	9	118.3	127.0	139.8	139.8	139.8
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	88.0	88.0	88.0
Mineral	134	101.0	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.4

x - Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES.

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		: Yearly	: Dec.	: Oct.	: Nov.	: Dec.
		: Average:	: 1942	: 1943	: 1943	: 1943
		: 1942	:	:	:	:
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern						
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bu.	.835	.904	1.241	1.250	1.250
OATS, No. 2 C. W.						
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bu.	.491	.454	.515	.515	.515
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's						
Cotton Bags, Toronto		5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050	4.900
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt.	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	gal.	.896	.900	.870	.870	.870
STEERS, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	cwt.	10.408	10.890	11.060	11.190	11.680
HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	cwt.	15.726	16.630	16.750	16.920	17.100
PACKER HIDES, Native Steers, Toronto	lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. 1 and 11						
f.o.b. Distributing points	lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SLIDES, D. f.o.b. Ont. Factory	ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade						
Montreal	lb.	.365	.379	.361	.367	.367
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.406	.499	.515	.515	.495
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single						
Hosiery cops, Mill	lb.	.303	.293	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, Eastern bright $\frac{1}{4}$ blood						
Domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright						
$\frac{1}{2}$ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No. 1, delivered,						
Eastern Continental Divide	ton	50.235	50.600	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Marchant bars, mild, Mill	cwt.	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, Foundry No. 1, F.O.B. plant, gross	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.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots,						
Montreal	cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
ZINC, domestic, electrolytic						
f.o.b. Montreal, carlots	cwt.	Not available	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto						
f.o.b. carlots	ton	12.540	12.553	12.360	12.360	12.360
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	ton	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLINE, Standard, Toronto						
Federal tax included	gal.	.205	.205	.205	.205	.205
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume,						
f.o.b. works	net ton	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

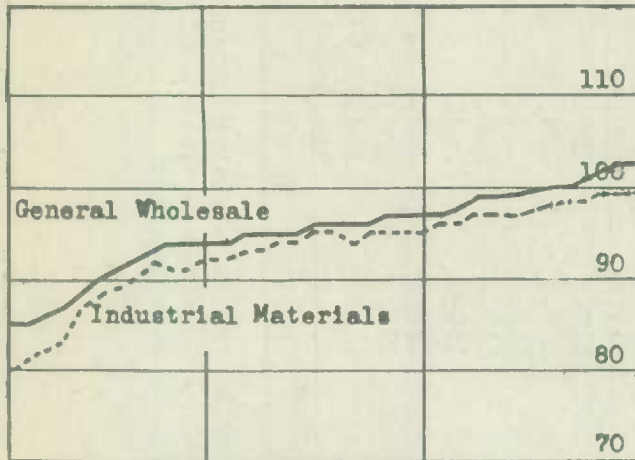
PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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(CHARTS II, III, &amp; IV - Average of 1935-39 Prices=100)

CHART I

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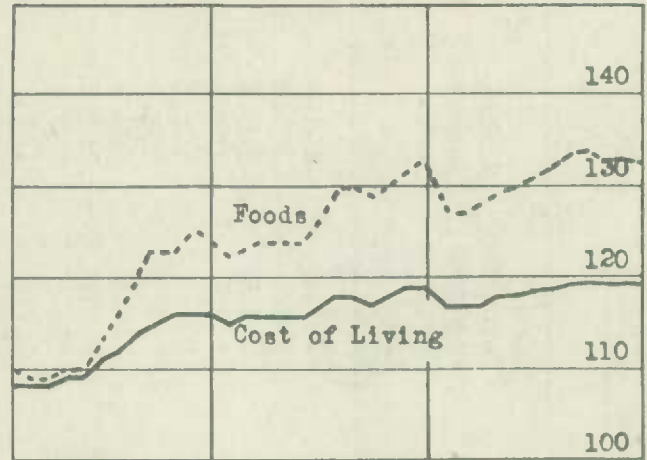
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CHART II

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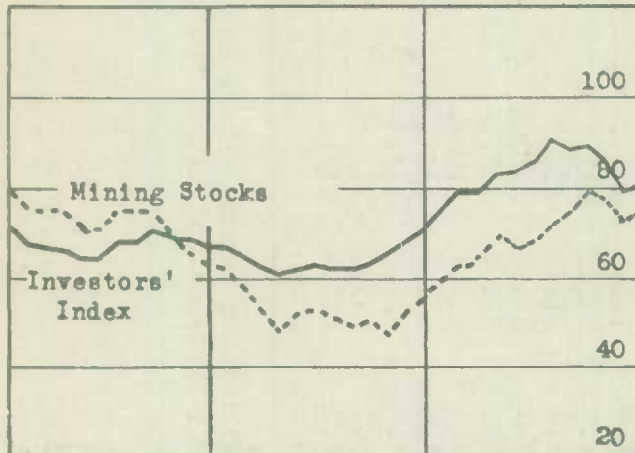
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CHART III

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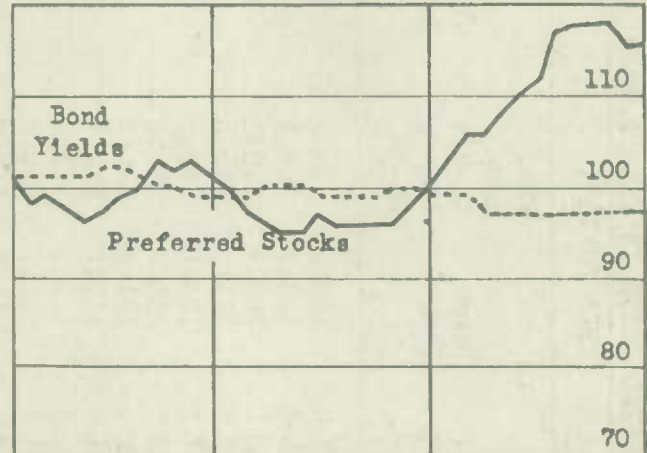
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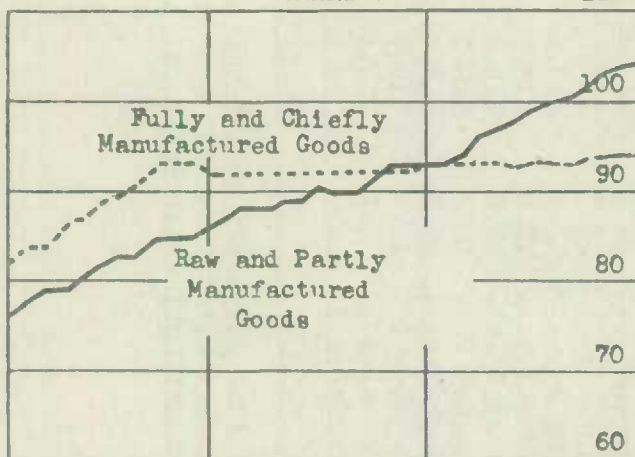
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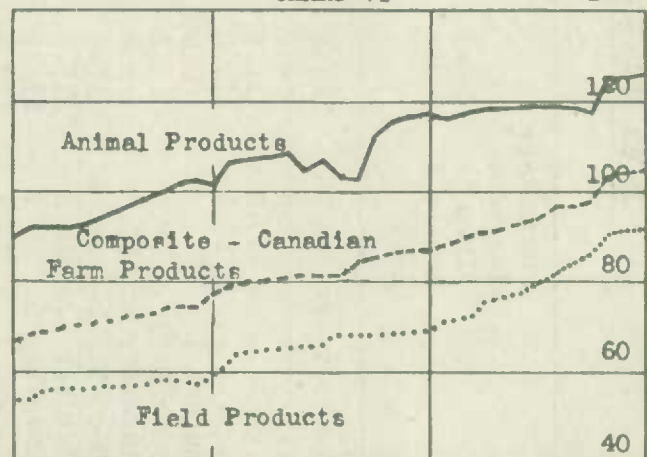
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INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1939 - December 1, 1943.  
(1935-39=100)

		Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Light- ing Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnish- ings and Services Index	Miscel- laneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1939	.....	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	.....	4.8	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
1942	.....	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	121.4
1939	- August 1 ..	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941	- October 1 .	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
	November 1.	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
	December 1.	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942	+October 1..	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
	November 2.	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
	December 1.	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943	- January 2..	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
	February 1.	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
	March 1 ...	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7
	April 1 ...	16.7	117.6	128.7	111.3	112.7	120.2	117.8	107.7	123.2
	May 1 .....	17.2	118.1	129.9	111.5	112.7	120.2	117.6	108.0	124.0
	June 1 .....	17.6	118.5	130.9	111.5	113.0	120.4	117.8	108.2	124.5
	July 2 .....	17.9	118.8	131.8	111.5	113.4	120.5	117.8	108.2	125.1
	August 2 ..	18.3	119.2	133.2	111.5	113.4	120.6	117.9	108.2	125.8
	September 1.	18.5	119.4	133.5	111.5	113.4	120.6	118.2	108.3	126.0
	October 1 .	18.4	119.3	132.9	111.9	113.3	121.1	118.2	108.3	125.8
	November 1.	18.5	119.4	133.1	111.9	113.3	121.1	118.2	108.3	125.9
	December 1.	18.4	119.3	132.7	111.9	111.9	121.1	118.8	108.6	125.9

+ Since June 24, 1942, additional taxes on tobacco products have not been reflected in the above indexes originally established for cost-of-living bonus calculations. The December, 1943 index inclusive of all such additional taxes is 120.3.

INDEX NUMBERS OF TOTAL LIVING COSTS AND FOOD PRICES IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES  
(August 1939=100)

		Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Winni- peg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver
<u>GENERAL COST OF LIVING</u>									
<u>1940</u>	August 1 .....	107.5	105.4	107.0	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.7
	October 1 .....	107.0	107.0	108.3	105.1	105.2	106.9	104.2	104.0
	December 2 ....	108.0	108.7	109.4	105.8	106.3	108.6	105.6	105.3
<u>1941</u>	February 1 ....	107.9	108.3	109.8	106.0	106.0	108.7	105.5	106.1
	April 1 .....	107.8	108.2	109.9	106.3	106.2	109.0	105.5	106.5
	June 2 .....	108.8	108.8	111.9	108.7	107.8	110.3	107.0	107.5
	August 1 .....	111.6	112.2	115.1	111.7	110.3	113.1	109.8	110.4
	October 1 .....	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
	November 1 ....	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	112.9
	December 1 ....	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
<u>1942</u>	February 2 ....	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
	April 1 .....	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
	June 1 .....	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
	August 1 .....	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
	October 1 .....	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
	December 1 ....	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	116.8
<u>1943</u>	February 1 ....	114.7	115.9	118.8	115.3	114.1	116.7	113.5	114.7
	April 1 .....	115.7	116.7	119.0	115.4	114.7	117.4	114.1	116.7
	June 1 .....	117.1	117.8	120.6	116.3	115.1	117.8	115.2	116.9
	August 2 .....	118.7	119.0	121.3	117.3	115.6	118.9	116.0	117.7
	October 1 .....	118.2	118.4	121.5	117.5	115.4	119.0	115.9	117.7
	December 1 ....	118.1	118.5	121.4	117.4	115.4	119.5	116.0	117.5
<u>F O O D S</u>									
<u>1940</u>	August 1 .....	112.3	108.4	105.5	104.5	107.9	106.1	104.6	105.8
	October 1 .....	112.0	107.9	107.3	105.9	107.0	106.6	105.2	105.6
	December 2 ....	115.2	112.5	110.6	107.6	110.3	112.1	109.9	109.0
<u>1941</u>	February 1 ....	114.4	110.5	111.1	108.0	109.0	111.5	108.2	110.9
	April 1 .....	114.0	110.3	111.5	108.8	109.9	112.5	108.1	112.0
	June 2 .....	115.2	110.8	115.4	111.3	112.0	111.5	110.6	112.7
	August 1 .....	124.6	119.4	124.4	119.6	119.5	120.2	118.9	120.4
	October 1 .....	124.7	119.4	125.9	122.3	121.6	126.1	121.8	124.0
	November 1 ....	128.1	122.7	127.9	125.5	123.9	127.0	121.9	125.6
	December 1 ....	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
<u>1942</u>	February 2 ....	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
	April 1 .....	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
	June 1 .....	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
	August 1 .....	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
	October 1 .....	133.5	128.3	134.0	129.5	128.5	129.1	128.2	133.1
	December 1 ....	136.2	130.5	136.9	131.3	132.0	134.3	133.2	137.5
<u>1943</u>	February 1 ....	130.8	124.6	132.0	126.1	126.8	127.8	126.2	129.4
	April 1 .....	132.7	127.0	132.6	126.2	129.0	129.9	128.2	135.8
	June 1 .....	136.3	130.1	137.3	128.3	129.7	131.2	131.6	134.7
	August 2 .....	141.3	133.7	139.5	131.2	131.2	134.6	134.1	137.2
	October 1 .....	139.6	131.9	139.6	130.2	130.5	135.1	133.5	135.9
	December 1 ....	138.9	132.4	139.2	129.8	130.4	136.4	133.8	135.5



INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL :		INDUSTRIALS						
	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Products	
	94	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	
<u>1941</u> - June ....	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	
July ....	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	
August ..	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	
October .	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	
November.	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	
December.	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	
<u>1942</u> - January .	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	
February.	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	
March ...	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	
April ...	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	
May .....	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	
June .....	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	75.9	
July .....	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9	
August ..	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3	
September	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2	
October .	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0	
November.	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1	
December.	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5	
<u>1943</u> - January .	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2	
February.	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1	
March ...	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6	
April ...	82.6	77.4	100.8	79.6	93.3	67.7	121.1	87.4	
May .....	83.7	77.6	104.0	89.3	91.6	67.9	119.9	88.7	
June .....	86.3	79.8	108.6	94.7	96.0	73.2	124.0	89.4	
July .....	91.0	85.7	110.5	106.8	94.1	84.9	126.0	91.5	
August ..	88.9	83.6	109.4	104.8	92.2	82.1	125.9	93.4	
September	89.3	83.9	111.4	104.7	91.9	83.5	126.1	93.4	
October .	86.4	81.6	110.8	103.0	88.2	81.0	124.8	93.6	
November.	79.6	75.1	103.8	96.5	89.6	74.4	120.3	90.7	
December.	80.5	75.8	106.0	102.7	88.7	74.7	119.3	88.1	



INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS - Concl'd.

(1935-39=100)

INDUSRIALS - Concl'd					UTILITIES				BANKS
Number of Securities 1943	Bever- ages	Build- ing Mater- ials	In- dus- trial Mines	Total	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone Tele- graph	Power and Traction	Total	
	7	15	2	18	2	2	14	8	
1941 - June .....	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0	
July .....	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7	
August ...	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7	
September.	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2	
October ..	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8	
November..	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7	
December..	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5	
1942 - January...	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1	
February..	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1	
March .....	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4	
April .....	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4	
May .....	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4	
June .....	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7	
July .....	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7	
August ...	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9	
September.	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0	
October ..	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3	
November .	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3	
December .	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4	
1943 - January ..	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7	
February .	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0	78.6	
March .....	113.9	85.3	79.6	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6	80.2	
April .....	128.2	89.5	79.7	101.4	123.3	96.8	95.8	80.9	
May .....	128.1	91.4	79.2	106.2	133.4	95.0	101.0	80.5	
June .....	133.5	93.1	77.3	111.1	126.3	96.6	111.1	81.4	
July .....	137.9	94.5	78.7	112.4	130.5	98.1	111.3	81.7	
August ...	138.0	93.3	76.1	109.5	121.0	100.1	109.0	82.7	
September.	138.5	92.6	75.0	110.3	118.7	100.7	110.8	82.8	
October ..	143.9	90.8	71.2	104.3	114.7	100.5	102.3	81.3	
November .	142.2	85.2	62.9	94.1	98.9	99.9	90.9	79.9	
December .	145.9	84.0	64.6	96.6	107.6	99.5	92.2	78.9	

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	:	Gold	:	Base Metals	:	Total Index
	:	22	:	3	:	25
1942 - September .....		38.4		72.1		49.7
October .....		33.3		71.8		46.2
November .....		40.7		73.2		51.6
December .....		44.7		74.4		54.7
1943 - January .....		50.1		79.4		60.0
February .....		52.0		80.3		61.5
March .....		55.6		83.4		65.0
April .....		59.0		87.0		68.6
May .....		56.6		87.0		66.9
June .....		59.1		86.3		68.4
July .....		62.8		88.2		71.5
August .....		66.4		91.5		75.1
September .....		71.9		92.4		79.2
October .....		68.5		93.5		77.2
November .....		65.9		85.7		72.9
December .....		68.5		86.5		74.9
<u>Weekly Index Numbers</u>						
Week ending November 4th.		68.3		90.1		76.0
" " " 11th.		66.9		85.7		73.6
" " " 18th.		64.4		83.7		71.2
" " " 25th.		65.2		83.4		71.7
" " December 2nd.		64.8		85.5		72.0
" " " 9th.		67.5		86.5		74.2
" " " 16th.		68.5		87.0		75.1
" " " 23rd.		69.3		85.8		75.3
" " " 30th.		68.5		86.6		74.9
1944 - " " January 6th.		71.3		89.2		77.8

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942 - 1943

(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)

(1935-39=100)

	:Composite	: Industrials	: Railroads	: Utilities
1942 - December .....	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January .....	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February .....	84.8	87.7	77.5	73.3
March .....	88.2	90.8	86.4	76.2
April .....	91.3	93.7	92.8	79.1
May .....	95.2	97.2	97.5	84.0
June .....	96.7	99.3	94.3	84.7
July .....	98.5	100.9	96.6	87.7
August .....	94.4	96.3	90.5	85.9
September .....	95.6	97.5	91.3	87.3
October .....	94.8	96.6	92.0	86.8
November .....	91.4	93.0	86.5	85.1

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, - 1937-1943

(1935-1939=100)

	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>
January ..	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February .	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March ....	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	97.6
April ....	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	97.3
May .....	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	97.3
June .....	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	97.3
July .....	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	97.3
August ...	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	97.3
September.	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	97.3
October ..	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	97.3
November .	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	97.3
December..	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	97.3

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1943.

(1935-39=100)

Yields		Yields		Yields	
Oct. 6 ....	97.3	Nov. 3 ....	97.3	Dec. 1 .....	97.3
" 13 ....	97.3	" 10 ....	97.3	" 8 .....	97.3
" 20 ....	97.3	" 17 ....	97.3	" 15 .....	97.3
" 27 ....	97.3	" 24 ....	97.3	" 22 .....	97.3
				" 29 .....	97.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936-1943.

(1935-1939=100)

1936 ...	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937 ...	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938 ...	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	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943 ...	102.7	105.5	106.4	108.2	110.1	113.3	117.3	117.8	118.0	118.2	115.3	115.8





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