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PRICE MOVEMENTS, FEBRUARY, 1943

WHOLESALE: The Bureau's composite monthly wholesale price index on the base 1926=100 advanced 0.4 points to 97.5 between January and February 1943, due entirely to increases in vegetable and animal products. Vegetable products advanced 0.8 points to 86.9 in February on rising prices for oranges, grains, potatoes, onions, miscellaneous (hay) and rolled oats and oatmeal. Dried fruits recorded the only decline with a loss of 1.8 points to 91.9. Over the same period, animal products gained 0.8 points to 105.0, due to increases for furs, sheepskins, livestock, fresh meat, butter, cheese, animal oils and fats and fish which more than counterbalanced further seasonal weakness in eggs. The six other principal sub-groups remained unchanged, fibres, textiles and textile products at 92.0; wood, wood products and paper 104.0; iron and its products 115.4; non-ferrous metals 79.7 non-metallic minerals 100.9 and chemicals and allied products 101.0. An increase of 0.2 to 96.3 in the composite industrial materials index between January and February was due to strength in food prices, viz., wheat, oats, steers and hogs. The food series of five commodities gained 1.5 points to 92.9 during the month while the manufacturing material prices section of 13 items and the stable group of 12 price series were steady at 82.6 and 115.6 respectively.

The Canadian farm products composite price index advanced 0.8 to 88.5 in February reflecting strength for both field and animal products. Field products, on higher prices for grains, potatoes, onions and hay stiffened 1.0 points to 71.6 during the month, while animal products gained 0.6 to 116.8 on rising prices for livestock and hides and skins (sheepskins). These more than offset continued seasonal recessions in egg quotations.

Food prices at wholesale have shown noteworthy increases since the outbreak of war. It will be noted from the following statement that between August 1939 and December 1941, increases in nearly all prices were substantial. From August, 1939 to February, 1943 prices for 9 out of a total of 22 foods recorded further increases over December 1941, 4 were unchanged while 9 were lower. However, advances since establishment of the 'ceiling' were relatively small with the exception of potatoes, which were up^x61 p.c.; lard 34 p.c., and lamb and beef, on a carcass basis, 27 p.c., and 24 p.c., respectively. Comparison of wholesale with retail price changes for the same intervals showed wholesale price increases to December 1941, greater for 17 out of 22 items, smaller for 4 while in one instance, sugar, the increases were identical. By February, 1943 this spread had narrowed, increases in wholesale quotations exceeding retail in only 13 instances.

PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN WHOLESALE PRICES OF 22 FOOD ITEMS SINCE AUGUST, 1939.

Commodity	December 1941	February 1943	Commodity	December 1941	February 1943
Coffee beans	109.2	88.5	Sugar, granulated ...	35.5	35.5
Cheese, new	91.7	72.0	Tomatoes, canned	34.9	24.3
Prunes	66.6	66.6	Potatoes	22.9	97.3
Veal carcass	65.7	50.4	Eggs 'A'	22.7	28.4
Rolled Oats	64.5	59.5	Jam, strawberry	22.6	0.8
Butter, creamery ...	55.1	61.6	Milk, fluid	21.5	27.2
Lard	49.8	100.2	Raisins	21.2	14.4
Tea	49.7	31.5	Flour	19.8	19.8
Beef, carcass	41.7	75.6	Lamb, carcass	18.7	50.6
Bacon	40.3	45.8	Peas, canned	16.2	12.4
Pork, carcass	39.0	41.0	Bread, white	3.3	3.3

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 16.0 per cent -- from 100.8 to 116.9) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined from 117.1 on January 2 to 116.9 on February 1, 1943. In compliance with Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, the price of cigarettes and tobacco in the February index does not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942. The February index reflected a decrease of 0.6 points in the food group and fractional declines for fuel and lighting and clothing. The food index fell from 127.3 to 126.7 due mainly to lower prices for eggs and oranges. Moderate increases occurred for potatoes and meats. The fuel and light index fell from 112.8 to 112.7, and clothing from 120.2 to 120.1. Other indexes remained unchanged as follows: rent 111.3, home furnishings and services 117.8, and miscellaneous items 107.5.

x Potatoes did not have a maximum price established until February, 1942. The increase from February, 1942 to February 1943 was only 16 p.c.

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Element		Compound		Percentage	
Carbon	C	C ₆ H ₆	Benzene	100	100
				100	100
Hydrogen	H	H ₂	Hydrogen	100	100
				100	100
Oxygen	O	O ₂	Oxygen	100	100
				100	100
Nitrogen	N	N ₂	Nitrogen	100	100
				100	100
Sulfur	S	S ₈	Sulfur	100	100
				100	100
Phosphorus	P	P ₄	Phosphorus	100	100
				100	100
Chlorine	Cl	Cl ₂	Chlorine	100	100
				100	100
Bromine	Br	Br ₂	Bromine	100	100
				100	100
Iodine	I	I ₂	Iodine	100	100
				100	100
Fluorine	F	F ₂	Fluorine	100	100
				100	100
Helium	He	He	Helium	100	100
				100	100
Neon	Ne	Ne	Neon	100	100
				100	100
Argon	Ar	Ar	Argon	100	100
				100	100
Krypton	Kr	Kr	Krypton	100	100
				100	100
Xenon	Xe	Xe	Xenon	100	100
				100	100
Radium	Ra	Ra	Radium	100	100
				100	100
Polonium	Po	Po	Polonium	100	100
				100	100
Actinium	Ac	Ac	Actinium	100	100
				100	100
Thorium	Th	Th	Thorium	100	100
				100	100
Uranium	U	U	Uranium	100	100
				100	100
Plutonium	Pu	Pu	Plutonium	100	100
				100	100
Americium	Am	Am	Americium	100	100
				100	100
Curium	Cm	Cm	Curium	100	100
				100	100
Berkelium	Bk	Bk	Berkelium	100	100
				100	100
Californium	Cf	Cf	Californium	100	100
				100	100
Einsteinium	Es	Es	Einsteinium	100	100
				100	100
Fermium	Fm	Fm	Fermium	100	100
				100	100
Mendelevium	Md	Md	Mendelevium	100	100
				100	100
Nobelium	No	No	Nobelium	100	100
				100	100
Lawrencium	Lr	Lr	Lawrencium	100	100
				100	100
Rutherfordium	Rf	Rf	Rutherfordium	100	100
				100	100
Dubnium	Db	Db	Dubnium	100	100
				100	100
Seaborgium	Sg	Sg	Seaborgium	100	100
				100	100
Bohrium	Bh	Bh	Bohrium	100	100
				100	100
Hassium	Hs	Hs	Hassium	100	100
				100	100
Meitnerium	Mt	Mt	Meitnerium	100	100
				100	100
Darmstadtium	Ds	Ds	Darmstadtium	100	100
				100	100
Roentgenium	Rg	Rg	Roentgenium	100	100
				100	100
Copernicium	Cn	Cn	Copernicium	100	100
				100	100
Nihonium	Nh	Nh	Nihonium	100	100
				100	100
Flerovium	Fl	Fl	Flerovium	100	100
				100	100
Livermorium	Lv	Lv	Livermorium	100	100
				100	100
Tennessine	Ts	Ts	Tennessine	100	100
				100	100
Oganesson	Og	Og	Oganesson	100	100
				100	100

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SECURITIES: February security price levels were generally above those obtaining in January, though weekly indexes indicated that the rise was tapering off. Compared with the February average, January and February month-end weekly indexes registered practically no change for the Investors' index. Mining stocks, on the other hand, continued to advance moderately. The February month-end composite index was one-half a point above the monthly average, and one point above the final January level.

Led by milling stocks, 7.2 p.c. higher at 88.3, oils up 6.9 p.c. at 67.2, and industrial mines 5.8 p.c., at 78.6, the Investors' monthly index at 78.7 registered a 3.1 p.c. advance over January. Industrial stocks averaged 4.8 p.c. higher at 75.6 while utilities were weaker, declining 2.2 p.c. to 88.0. Transportation issues, with a drop of 8.0 p.c. to 84.7 registered the sharpest loss in the utility group, while telephone and telegraph issues eased 1.2 p.c. to 92.2 and power and traction 0.5 p.c. to 88.0. Bank shares continued to stiffen, moving up a further 2.4 p.c. to 78.6.

As noted above, mining stocks continued to gain. From an average index level of 60.0 in January the composite index for 25 mining stocks mounted 2.5 p.c. to 61.5 in February. Gold stocks were 3.8 p.c. higher at 52.0, while base metals advanced about one-third that amount to 80.3. Gold stock prices for February averaged 54.3 p.c. of pre-war levels (August, 1939=100) while base metals were 64.7 p.c. of the August 1939 level.

Pronounced strength for milling, power and food issues was mainly responsible for a further advance of 2.7 p.c. to 105.5 in the composite preferred stock index between January and February. At that level preferred stocks reached their highest point since April, of 1940. Milling issues averaged 10.8 p.c. higher; power shares 7.5 p.c. and foods 5.5 p.c. Other series to record more moderate advances during the month were machinery and equipment and miscellaneous each up 2.7 p.c.; pulp and paper 2.5 p.c. and oils and building materials 2.3 p.c. Registering the only decline, tobacco shares were off 1.2 p.c. in the same interval.

Yields of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond averaged lower at 3.04 for February as compared with 3.05 for January, and the 1942 high of 3.07 in November. Movements were narrow, with the final week of February showing no change from the last week of January. The yield moved up from 3.03 on January 27, to 3.04 for February 3. This was unchanged for the 10th, but dropped back to 3.03 for the 17th, and remained at that point for the 24th. In index form, using the years 1935 to 1939 inclusive as the base period, the yield for February was 98.5, or 0.3 lower than for January. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, remained at 88.1 for February, and the average yield of the issues included was 3.10.

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

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
February, 1943	96.1	96.3	96.4	96.5	-
January, 1943	95.5	x 95.9	x 96.2	x 96.2	-
December, 1942	94.9	95.0	95.1	95.3	95.3
November, 1942	95.0	95.0	94.9	95.0	-

x Revised.

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

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
February, 1943	88.0	88.4	88.7	88.9	-
January, 1943	87.3	87.5	87.7	88.0	-
December, 1942	86.2	86.4	87.1	87.2	87.3
November, 1942	86.1	86.3	86.4	86.1	-

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926 = 100)

		General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufac- tured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufac- tured 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
1941												
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	85.5	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	.....	88.8	88.9	83.5	107.8	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	.....	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.5	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	.....	91.2	92.1	84.5	109.9	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	.....	92.0	93.6	84.5	111.6	83.4	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	.....	93.3	95.4	85.5	112.2	84.6	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	.....	93.9	96.6	85.7	112.1	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	.....	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.1	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	.....	93.6	95.3	85.7	112.9	85.6	92.2	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	.....	96.0	96.6	88.0	113.8	90.4	91.9	67.7	103.6	81.1	94.6	82.0
August	.....	95.5	95.3	88.7	113.8	89.7	91.8	68.4	102.9	81.3	94.3	81.8
September	.....	96.0	96.0	89.1	114.2	91.4	92.0	67.6	112.2	84.3	94.8	82.3
October	.....	96.8	96.9	89.3	116.2	93.1	92.2	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	82.6
November	.....	96.9	97.3	89.5	116.4	92.5	92.4	68.3	116.7	86.4	94.9	82.6
December	.....	97.0	97.1	90.0	116.7	92.6	92.6	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.1	82.5
January	97.1x	96.6	90.8x	118.3x	92.0x	92.7	70.6	116.2x	87.7x	96.1x	82.6
February	97.5	96.9	91.1	118.3	93.8	92.8	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	82.6

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COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

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

Commodity	No. of : Price : Series :	Yearly : Average : 1941 :	: Feb. : 1942 ;	: Dec. : 1942 :	: Jan. : 1943 :	: Feb. : 1943 :
Total Index	526	90.0	94.6	97.0	97.1 ⁺	97.5
I. Vegetable Products	123	77.0	82.7	86.0	86.1	86.9
Fruits	14	88.6	87.0	126.3	109.2	111.9
Fresh	4	91.8	86.6	140.7	117.7	121.6
Dried	4	82.2	93.6	92.3	93.7	91.9
Canned	6	75.5	82.8	73.5	73.5	73.5
Grains	22	56.2	61.1	67.3	68.2	68.7
Flour and Milled Products	13	76.7	75.5	78.9	78.9	79.0
Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	131.7	132.2	132.2	132.2
Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	120.4	120.6	120.6	120.6
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	121.8	109.6	109.6	109.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	97.1	85.4	95.3	101.4
II. Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	98.9	105.0	104.3 ⁺	105.0
Fishery Products	16	92.9	107.6	116.9	118.5	119.1
Furs	9	80.5	73.6	67.6	67.6	78.2
Hides and Skins	6	110.3	122.0	120.1	120.9	123.1
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	105.3	105.7	105.7	105.7
Live Stock	4	110.0	122.9	137.1	142.0	145.6
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	102.7	108.2	110.3 ⁺	111.2
Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	98.4	100.0	99.0	99.5
Fats	5	63.3	72.3	81.2	89.0	89.6
Eggs	3	70.8	78.9	108.1	88.6	85.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	92.1	92.0	92.0	92.0
Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	95.4	101.3	98.9	98.9	98.9
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	90.9	92.2	92.2	92.2
Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	95.0	94.7	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	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	100.8	102.8	104.5 ⁺	104.0
Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
Lumber	33	120.6	130.3	135.7	139.3 ⁺	139.3
Pulp	3	108.9	116.4	119.0	119.0	119.0
Furniture	10	99.1	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	115.4	115.3	115.4	115.4
Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	121.6	121.3	121.6	121.6
Hardware	16	92.5	93.9	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	77.7	77.8	79.7	79.7	79.7
Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	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	91.1	96.2	95.6	95.6	95.6
Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1
Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.1	102.9	103.4	103.5	103.5

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COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of : Price : Series :	Yearly : Average : 1941 :	: Feb. : 1942 :	: Dec. : 1942 :	: Jan. : 1943 :	: Feb. : 1943 :
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and						
Their Products	81	95.6	99.3	100.4	100.9	100.9
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	93.7	96.3	101.3	101.3	101.3
Coal	13	108.3	111.6	113.8	115.3	115.3
Coke	4	121.8	122.5	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	85.1	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	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	89.6	89.1	89.0	89.0
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	87.6	91.1	91.1	91.1
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	104.3	101.1	101.0	101.0
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	88.8	89.1	88.6	88.8
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	90.4	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	176.0	167.7	167.7	167.7
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	83.9	83.9	83.7
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	83.7	82.3	82.5	83.2

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	94.9	97.1	96.6	96.9
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	95.6	101.6	100.0	100.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	94.5	94.1	94.3	94.3
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	87.3	90.0	90.8 ⁺	91.1
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	108.5	110.5	111.1	111.1
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	84.9	87.7	88.5 ⁺	88.9

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly						
Manufactured	223	81.8	87.8	92.6	93.0 ⁺	93.8
Farm Origin - Field	84	63.2	70.8	75.1	75.8	76.9
Farm Origin - Animal	36	95.0	99.4	107.5	106.5 ⁺	107.4
Marine	7	79.6	94.3	101.8	106.3	108.1
Forest x	37	117.1	126.1	130.6	133.1 ⁺	133.1
Mineral	59	92.5	94.0	95.6	96.2	96.2
Total Fully and Chiefly						
Manufactured	302	88.8	91.7	92.6	92.7	92.8
Farm Origin - Field	83	86.8	87.9	88.9	88.9	89.0
Farm Origin - Animal	54	89.0	94.3	95.5	95.7	96.0
Marine	9	96.8	113.8	127.0	127.0	127.0
Forest	20	76.9	77.5	77.6	77.6	77.6
Mineral	136	98.0	101.7	101.7	101.8	101.8

* Included both domestic and export prices.

⁺ Revised.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

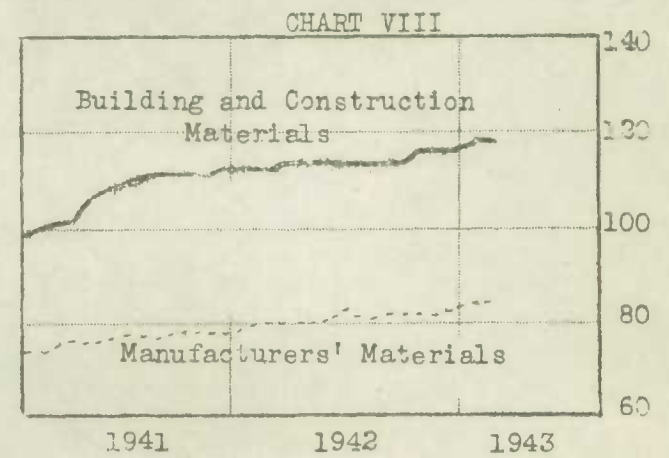
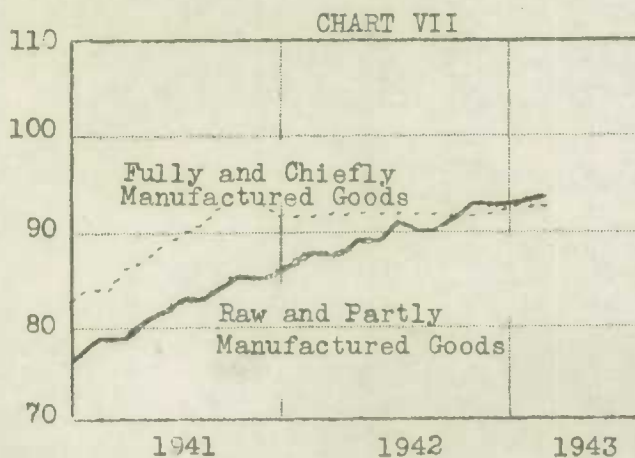
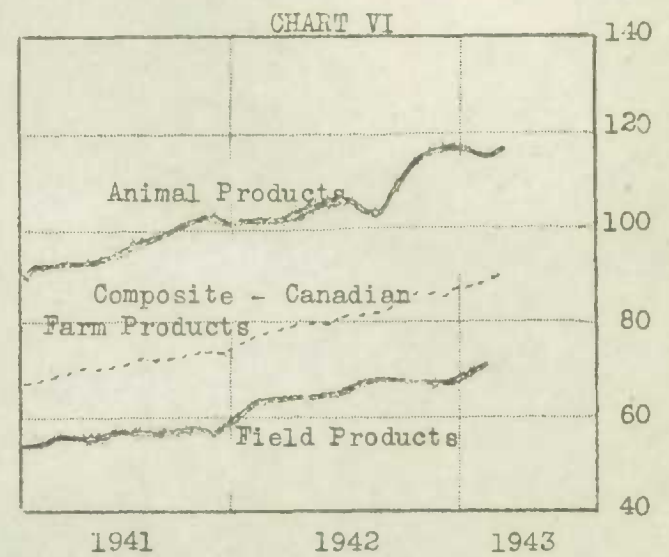
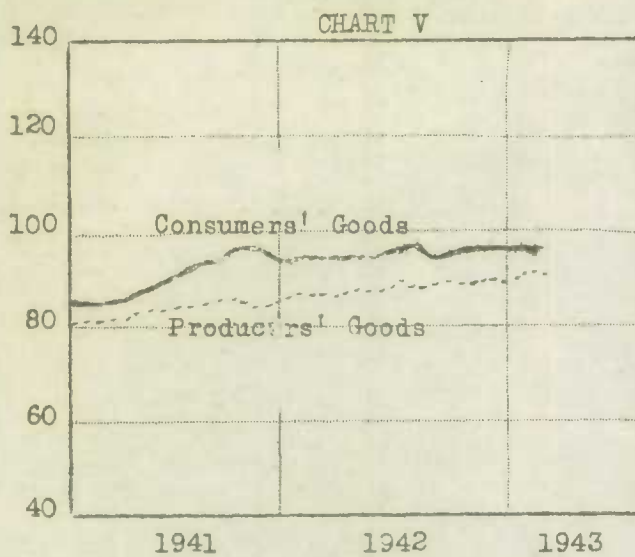
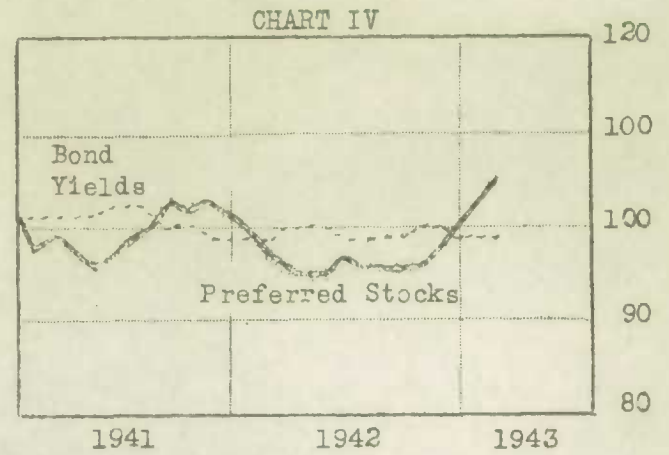
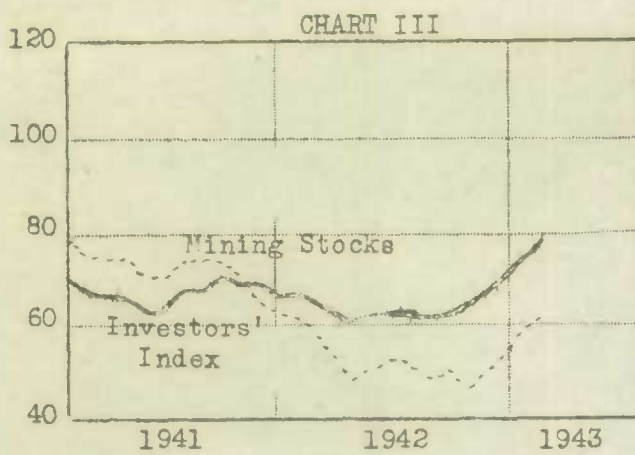
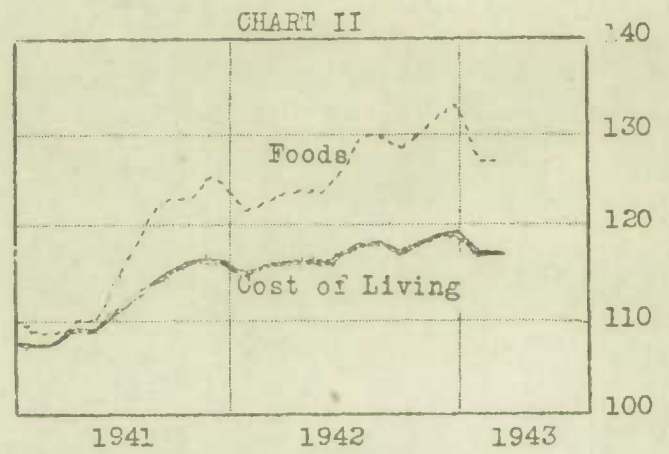
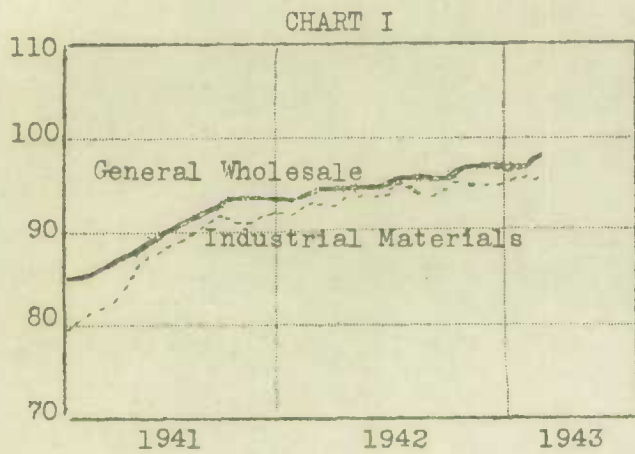
Commodity		: Yearly : Average : 1941	: : Feb. : 1942	: : Dec. : 1942	: : Jan. : 1943	: : Feb. : 1943
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
OATS, No. 2 C.W. Ft. William and Pt. Arthur, cash basis Bush.		.408	.500	.454	.486	.513
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Pt. Arthur, cash basis Bush.		.747	.780	.904	.904	.905
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton bags, Toronto		5.529	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.885	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, steers, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8,694	9,710	10,890	11,360	11,640
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13,240	15,160	16,630	16,860	16,910
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. I 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	.359	.379	.369	.369
CHEESE, Canada, old large, Montreal	Lb.	.271	.340	.328	.320	.313
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	Doz.	.346	.360	.499	.414	.403
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.315	.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.	.263	.260	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No. 1 delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	Ton	44,000	49,500	50,600	50,600	50,600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 lbs.	2,686	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.	.618	.620	.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	12,499	12,553	13,224	13,224
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	Ton	5,650	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700
(B) GASOLINE, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.215	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17,250	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000

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

(B) 1942-1943 Federal Tax Included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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



		Percentage Increase Since August 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
1942	.....	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1
1939	Aug. 1.....	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3
	Nov. 1.....	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7
	Dec. 1.....	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7
1942	Jan. 2.....	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8
	Feb. 2.....	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1
	Mar. 2.....	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1
	Apr. 1.....	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1
	May 1.....	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1
	June 1.....	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1
	July 2.....	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1
	Aug. 1.....	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1
	Sept 1.....	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1
	Oct. 1.....	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1
	Nov. 2.....	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1
	Dec. 1.....	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2
1943	Jan. 2.....	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5
	Feb. 1.....	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5

By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 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, a February figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 117.2

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS 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>								
1941								
November	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	112.9
1942								
August	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
October	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
December	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	116.8
1943								
February	114.7	115.9	118.8	115.3	114.1	116.7	113.5	114.7
<u>Foods</u>								
1941								
November	128.1	122.7	127.9	125.5	123.9	127.0	121.9	125.6
1942								
August	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
October	133.5	128.3	134.0	129.5	128.5	129.1	128.2	133.1
December	136.2	130.5	136.9	131.3	132.0	134.3	133.2	137.5
1943								
February	130.8	124.6	132.0	126.1	126.8	127.8	126.2	129.4
<u>Rent</u>								
1941								
November	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1942								
August	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
October	104.8	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
December	104.8	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1943								
February	104.8	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
<u>Fuel and Lighting</u>								
1941								
November	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1942								
August	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
October	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
December	104.4	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1943								
February	104.4	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
<u>Clothing</u>								
1941								
November	116.5	121.2	123.1	117.3	117.5	119.9	122.9	118.8
1942								
August	116.3	120.9	123.2	117.5	116.8	119.3	123.2	119.8
October	116.6	121.2	123.2	117.5	117.0	119.2	123.3	119.8
December	116.8	121.2	123.2	117.5	117.0	119.3	123.3	119.8
1943								
February	116.9	121.5	123.2	117.4	117.1	119.4	123.3	119.9
<u>Home Furnishings and Services</u>								
1941								
November	114.7	116.1	117.7	114.2	115.2	120.2	117.1	113.0
1942								
August	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.1	115.7	119.7	117.1	113.0
October	114.7	116.0	117.6	113.8	115.8	119.7	117.1	112.9
December	114.7	116.0	117.6	113.9	115.7	119.6	117.1	113.0
1943								
February	114.7	116.0	117.6	113.9	115.8	119.7	117.1	113.0
<u>Miscellaneous</u>								
1941								
November	105.3	106.9	104.5	106.8	105.3	104.6	104.6	104.9
1942								
August	105.7	107.7	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3
October	105.7	107.7	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3
December	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3
1943								
February	106.0	109.9	105.7	107.4	105.7	105.7	106.7	107.2

CITY COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, FEBRUARY 1, 1943

February 1st cost-of-living indexes for eight regional cities were all lower than December levels by amounts ranging from 1.4 to 2.1 points. Decreases varying from 3.6 per cent for Montreal to 5.9 per cent for Vancouver occurred in the foods indexes. Increased health costs, a slight advance in life insurance and higher rates for newspapers in St. John, Edmonton and Vancouver were responsible mainly for a general rise in miscellaneous items ranging between 0.1 points for Toronto and Winnipeg and 2.3 points for St. John. In the clothing group five slight increases and one small decline were noted, while home furnishings and services recorded two fractional increases.

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

		GENERAL		INDUSTRIALS								UTILITIES					BANKS	
Number of Securities 1943		Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Mill-ing	Oils	Textiles and Cloth-ing	Food and Allied Pro-ducts	Bever-ages	Build-ing Mater-ials	In-dust-rial Mines	Total	Trans-: porta-tion	Tele-: phone Tele-: graph	Power : and Trac-tion	Total	
		95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8	
1940	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 ...	66.5	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	
	September ..	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0	
	October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3	
	November ...	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3	
	December ...	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4	
1943	January	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7	
	February ...	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0	78.6	

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

No. of Stocks 1943	:	Golds	:	Base Metals	:	Total Index
	:	22	:	3	:	25
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		83.0		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
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
Weekly Index Numbers						
Week ending Jan. 7th.		48.2		77.4		58.0
Week ending " 14th		50.4		80.3		60.4
Week ending " 21st		50.6		80.1		60.5
Week ending " 28th		51.3		79.7		60.9
Week ending Feb. 4th		51.3		79.9		60.9
Week ending " 11th		52.0		81.7		62.0
Week ending " 18th		51.4		80.2		61.1
Week ending " 25th		53.1		79.4		62.0
Week ending March 4th		54.3		79.5		62.9

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942-1943.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	:	Composite	:	Industrials	:	Railroads	:	Utilities
1942 - 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		57.2
June		66.1		68.2		59.0		58.8
July		68.2		70.6		62.9		58.4
August		68.3		70.5		65.4		58.8
September		69.4		71.6		66.7		59.5
October		74.2		76.5		72.7		63.7
November		75.2		77.2		73.0		66.2
December		75.9		78.5		69.3		65.2
1943 - January		79.7		82.3		73.7		69.3
February (2nd week) ...		84.3		87.4		76.0		71.9

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS^x, 1937-1943
(1935-1939= 100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
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	-
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	-
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	-
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	-
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	-
August	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	-
September	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	-
October	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	-
November	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942 -1943

	Yields		Yields		Yields
December 2	99.6	January 6	99.3	February 3	98.6
" 9	99.3	" 13	99.0	" 10	98.6
" 16	99.3	" 20	98.6	" 17	98.3
" 23	99.3	" 27	98.3	" 24	98.3
" 30	99.3				

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936-1943
(1935-1939= 100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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										

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1943

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	+1.2050	+4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - August	1.1050	4.450	.2636	.0571	.3359
September	1.1050	4.450	.2631	.0571	.3359
October	1.1050	4.450	.2632	.0572	.3359
November	1.1050	4.450	.2626	.0572	.3359
December	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0572	.3359
1943 - January	1.1050	4.450	.2613	.0570	.3359
February	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0569	.3359

+ Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rates set by 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.

x Based upon a theoretical 15 year Dominion of Canada bond. Yields calculated by the Bank of Canada.



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