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INDEV KUMENR OF WHOIESAIE PRICES COTCBER, 1928

The Dcminion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices rose slightly in October being 150.2 as compar ed with 149.7 in September. 51 price quotations were higher, 43 were lower and 142 were unchanged. Of the eight main groups, four were higher, two were lower ond two unchenged.

Vegetables and their Products rose from 144.2 to 147.7 , higher prices for grains, flour and other milled products, oranges, bananas, hay and rubber more than offsetting lower prices for potaioes and sugar. Animals and their Products declined from 161.4 to 158,6 , declines in livestock, meats, hides, leather boots and shoes and lard more than counterbalancing advances in milk, eges and fish. Fibres, Textiles, and Textile Products rose from 163 n 2 to 163.5 , due mainly to higher prices for raw cotton and silk. Iron and its Products, chiefly because of advances in steel billets and steel sheets, rose frcm 138.7 to 139.1. Non-Ferrous Metals advanced from 95.3 to 96.2 owing to higher levols for copper, silver, tin, solder and antimony. Some minor declines occurred in Jood and Toud Products, the index being 155.9 as compared with 156.1 lasi month. Non-Netallic Minerals and Chemicals and Allied products were unchanged.

Consumers' Gocds fell frcm 159.5 to 158.9 , declines in meats, suger and potatoes more than offsetting advances in flour, cat products, milk and eggs.

Producers: Goods mere 142.8 as compared with 143.4 last month. Building and construction materials were pracically stationary. Materials for the milling, metalworking and textile industries, also miscellanecus producers' materials advanced, while materials for the meat-packing and leather industries declined.

All raw or partly manufactured goods rose from 149.6 to 150.5 , higher levels for grains, hay, milk, eggs, cotton, silk, copper, silver, tin and naval stcres more than offoetting lower levels for livestock, sugar, potatoos, fresh meat, hides and wocl.

Fully or chiefly manufactured goods fell from 147.9 to 147.3 , advances in flour ond ther milled products, non-ferrous metal products and in scme iren and steel products being more than offset by declines in smoked meats, refined sugar, lard, leather and scme cottcn products.

Canadisn farm products rose from 143.4 to 145.7 . Vegetable farm products, chiefly because of higher grain pricec, rose from 139.0 to 144.1 . Animal farm products fell frcm 151.0 io 148.5, declines in livestock, hides and wool more then offsetting increases in milk and egge.

RESUME OF IMPCRT NIT PRICE CHANGRS: Grain prices moved to higher levels during October. 190.1 Menitoba Northern cash wheat, Fort Wiliam and Pert Arthur basis averaged $\$ 1.24$ per bughel as ccrpared with $\$ 1.17$ in September. The high price for the month was $\$ 1.291 / 8$ on the 8 th and the low $\$ 1.205 / 8$ on the 30 th. Factors tending to promote more bullish sentiment and a higher ronge of prices than last month were: growing belief that the disccunting of the large what crop had been cverdone; realization that the huge harvests wore being gradually absorbed; partial offsetting of the increase in quantity by the inwer grade of the crop; probabilty of increased purchases by Buropeon countrics. bocause of smaller crops and their generally increased purchasing power and political influences in the United Statos tending to keep up prices. During the latter part of the month prices worked slightly lower on liberal offerings and quict foreign demand,

Coarse grains wer＇e strong in sympathy with whon cala afected too by generally good export and domestic demand．Barley， $3 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{G}$ ．rose from $65 \frac{1}{n} \phi$ to $701 / \mathrm{s}$ 个 at Tinaipeg and Ontario good malting barley at Toronto $\mathrm{frcm} 65 \phi$ to $704 / 5 \dot{\phi}_{0}$ No．？，C．T．aats at Tinnipeg averaged $56 \frac{1}{2} \phi$ as compared with $544 / 5 \phi$ last month and ontario good sounci mill．． ing oats at Tororto $49 \frac{3}{4} \phi$ as compared with $43 \frac{3}{4} \phi$ ．Slaxseer．was firal owine to the small－ or crop．NO．1，N．W．C．at Tinnipeg rose fich $\$ 7.86 \frac{1}{4}$ to $\$ 7 . g 2 \frac{3}{4}$ ．Ontario age No．z at Toronto rose from $93 \frac{3}{7} \phi$ to $\$ 1.02$ ．

Flour meved in sympathy with wheat，Nio． 1 pateat at Torontc advancing from $\$ 7.29 \frac{1}{2}$ to $\$ 7.41$ per $2-981$ s jute．Oat products mere sirung，reslecing the scarcity of gocd milling oats．Rolled oats advanced from $\$ 3,70$ to $\$ 3.85$ per go lb，aauk at Toronto．Shorts rose from $\$ 33.25$ to $\$ 35.19$ per torn

Tha sugar market continued dull．Prospects of a larger Cubari crop for the coming year and the absence of restriction made for weakness．Raw sugar $96^{\circ}$ certri－ fugal at New Yoriz declined from $\$ 2.22$ to $\$ 2.16$ ．Refined sugar was weaker in sympathy with rar and affected by the competition of stocks of Cuban and Santo Dominge refined． Granulated sugar at Montreal fell from $\$ 5.51$ to $\$ 5.32$ and No．l yellow from $\$ 5.22 \frac{1}{2}$ to \＄． $5.03 \frac{1}{2}$ ．

Potato prices continued at low levels and without much prospect of improvement －Wing to the large quantities available．Ontario potatoes at Toronto fell from $98 \phi$ to $92 \frac{1}{3} \phi$ per bag and Manitoba potatoes at Winnipeg from $72 \phi$ to $60 \phi$ per bushel．

Rubber prices were slightly firmer．A decrease in Malayan export figures and the fact that world consumption is considerably in excess of production，made for firmness，but were partly offet by the prospect of unrestricted shipments after Nuvember lst．Ceylon ribbed smoked sheets rose from $18 \frac{1}{4} \phi$ to $18 \frac{3}{4} \phi$ ，on the average， at Now York and upriver five Pari from $19 \frac{3}{4} \phi$ to $194 / 5 \phi$ ．

Iinsead oil advanced from $81 \phi$ to $85 \phi$ per galion reflecting firmer flax seed prices．Rosin，त．．．．rose from $\$ 12.35$ to $\$ 13.00$ per barrel reflecting strength in southern markets due to smallor prospective crops．

Good No． 2 timethy hay rose from $\$ 16.00$ to $\$ 16.50-\$ 17.00$ per ton．
Livestock pricus declined sharply，due mainly to extromely heavy supplies and the resultont buyers＇market．Western cattle at Winnipeg fell from $\$ 10.64$ to $\$ 9.28$ por cwt．and choice steers at Tcronto from $\$ 11.15$ to $\$ 9.88$ ．Hogs were sharply lomer，the average for thick smooth w．0．c．grades at Toronto being $\$ 10.66$ as compared With $\$ 23.27$ in September．Choice sheep fell from $\$ 6.87 \frac{7}{3}$ to $\$ 5.94$ ．

Meats declined in sympathy with livestock．Consumption，too，has been cur－ tailed by recent high prices．Dressed hindquarter beef，at Torontc，fell from $\$ 22.00$ to $\$ 21.13$ per cwt．Bacon，smcked，standerd，light，at Toronto fell from $37 \phi$ to $33 \frac{2}{2} \phi$ ， smoked，standord，light ham from $32 \phi-32 \frac{1}{2} \phi$ to $28 \phi-29 \phi$ and dressed shop hogs from $\$ 20.50$ to $\$ 19.75$ per cwt．Barrelled mess park noved contrary to the general trend advencing from $\$ 40.50$ to $\$ 42.50$.

A further advance in milk took place at Torcnto，the price to producers advancirg from $\$ 2.30$ to $\$ 2.40$ per 8 gal ．con．At Montreal the fill and winter advance of 8 cents to 28 cents becme effective．Finest crearnery butter o．t Toronto rose frcm $43 \phi$ to $43 \frac{1}{2} \phi$ ．Comadiar cld large cheese at Nontreai advanced $1=0 \mathrm{~m} 29 \phi$ to $30 \phi$ ．Lerd followeá lower hog prices declining frcm $18 \phi$ to $17 \frac{1}{2} \phi$ ．

With supplies of new－laid oggs becoming scarcer all the time，prices again odvanced．Fresh specials and extras at Mcntreal rose frcm 50申．55申 tc 55申． 60 ¢．No． 1 storage eggs at Torcnto were $41 \phi-42 \phi$ as compared with $42 \phi$ last month．

Canned sockeye solmon due to shortage was fim，advancing slightiy in some locallities．At Torento the price per dorun 110 ．Lins rose from $\$ 4.90-5500$ to $\$ 5.00$ ．

Continued weakress prevailed in the hide ranket．Beef hides，city cured， s 11 weights fell from $19 \phi-20 \phi$ to $16 \not \subset \cdot 17 \phi$ and caifckins，city cured，all reights from $24 \phi-25 \phi$ to $22 \phi-23 \phi$ ．The leather market，toc，was unsettled．Nc．i harnsss Jeather declined ficm $58 \phi$ to $55 \phi$ ．

Octton moved to higher levels during October．Uplard midiline，siot，at New York averaged 19.6 as compared with $18.0 \phi$ in Septomer，tha loriprice for the
 at Hamilton rose from $18.0 \phi$ to $20.3 \phi$ ．The matn propelinive furce in criving prices up ward was untrvourable weather cand crop news leading to reliacea estimatus uf the
probable yield - the goverment crep repcrt or the 8 th सas 450,000 bules less than the urevicus menth. The Ictmess :f mili stecks botilin the United states and in Furvoe, signe of improment in the dcmestic textile industry and the setilement of the Ner Bedford strike alsc favoured the groptio of bullish sentiment.

Scue cotton gccas reflected the lcwer cotton levels of recent menths. Ticking, 2 yerds to the pouna declined frcin $59 \phi$ to $58 \phi$ and shirting 4 yarcis to 16 . frcm $03 \phi$ tc $61 \phi$.

Raw silk prices ccntinued tc stiffen, following advances in primary markets where stcaks are ncre moderate and aided by imprvement in the Japanese exchange rate and by the prospect of heavy spring consumpticn. Jap. fil. Kancai, best No. It to extra advanced ir min $\$ 4.70$ to $\$ 4.95$ jer lb .

The raw wocl market was unsettled and inclined to move gradually domneard. Pastern mocl, dcmestic, bright $\frac{1}{4}$ bicod fell frcin $36 \phi$ tc $35 \phi$ and western wcol, range froin 36 to $35 \phi$.

Raw jute, lst incrkwas again lower geing $\$ 8.95$ as cmpared with $\$ 9.54$ iast menth. Hessian meved in sympathy declinirg from $\$ 12.00$ to $\$ 11.50$.

Ircn and steel markets were firm swing to active demand and influenced by higher price levels in the United States. Milk steel billets advanced frcm $\$ 34.00-$ $\$ 43.00$ ti $\$ 34.00-\$+5.00$ per tcn f.c.b. Montreal. Black steel oheets No. 24 U.S. gauge rose frem $\$ 345$ tc $\$ 350$ per 100 lbs .

Non $\rightarrow$ ferrcus metals were, ficr the most part, firmer. Copper was very strong cwing to exceptionally heavy demand from beth demestic and forelun consumers ccupled with limited supplies. Blectrclytic copper, dcmestic, f.c.b. Nertreal in car icts averaged $\$ 17.024$ per 100 lbs . as compared with $\$ 16.544$ last menth. Tin ingets, Straits acvanced frciin $49 \frac{3}{3} \phi$ to $50 \frac{3}{4} \phi$ per lb. at Torcntc. Consumption of tin is repcrted as continuing very heavy and likely tc outstrip production. Lead wes quiet but on the while, steady. The price of docestic grades at Mcntreal averaged $\$ 6,148$ per cort. as compared with $\$ 6.112$ in September. Jinc was dull, consumptich, While large, beirg well taken care cf by prcaucticn. Dcmestic spelter declined frem $\$ 6.973$ tc $\$ 6.911$. Antimeny was firm oring to the limited suppiles available. Chinese antimeny 99\% I.C.L. ex warehouse Mcntroal rose from $9 \frac{1}{4} \phi$ to $9 \frac{3}{4} \phi$. Silvor roae from $57 \frac{1}{1} \phi$ to $58 \%$ per fine cunce.

COMPARATIVF, THOTRSATE RRTCES IN CANADA AND OTHFR COUNTRIES.- By referring to pages 15-19 it will be seen that wholesale prices meved sligntly upward in canada during cotcber. The latest evailalla statistics shcw $=$ downarà movement in the Urited States, Great Britain, Frace, Germany, Austrie, Switzerland, Belgium, Ncrway, Smeden, Denmerk, Finland, Pcland, Bulgaria., India, Chine, Australia.., Nev Zealand and South Africa, and an upward mevement in the Netherlards, Spain, Hungary, Jupan and Egypt. Prices in Russia remained staticnary.

SESURITY PGICES.- The tanders' index of security prices (1926=100) rose from 470.6 in September to 553.9 in October. Soles rose from 35.3 to 63.9 and values frem 166.t to 362.2 (see page 10 ). The investers' index of 112 cormon stocka (1926-100) rcse frcm 151.6 tc 259.9 (see pages llal2). Twenty-three preferred industrial stccks $(1913=100)$ rose fron 120.1 to 121.3. On pages 13 and 14 will be found index rumbers and prices respectively of 17 minine stocks.

|  | Commod | ditie | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1927 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sent. } \\ & 1928 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1928 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Index 236 commodities 2 | 236 | 152,6 | 149.6 | 149.1 | 149.7 | 150.2 |
| INDEX | IUNBIRS OF COMODITIES CLASSIFIED |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 .$ | Vegetable Products, (grain, | 67 | 161.6 |  |  | 4.2 |  |
|  | Animals and Their Products | 50 | 145.7 | 247.4 | 152.2 | 161.4 | 158.6 |
| 111. | Fibres, Textiles and Their |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 28 | 173.4 | 269.3 | 166.4 | $163 . ?$ | 163.5 |
|  | Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 21 | 154.3 | 156.0 | 156.0 | 156.1 | 155.9 |
|  | Iron and its Products | 26 | 142.2 | 238.1 | 138.6 | 138.7 | 139.1 |
|  | Non-ferrous Metals and Their Products | 15 | 93.6 | 95.7 | 95.8 | 95.3 | 6.2 |
| VII. Non-metallic Minerals and Their Products |  | 16 | 170.2 | 270.6 | 171.7 | 172.3 | 172.3 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products INDEX NUMERS OF COMNODITIES CIASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PURPOST. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. | Consumers' Goods | 98 | 154.5 | 153.1 | 156.6 | 159.5 | 158.9 |
|  | Joccis, Beverages and Tobacco | 74 | 156.2 | 251.5 | 156.4 | 160.9 | 159.9 |
|  | Other consumers' goods | 24 | 152.3 | 155.2 | 156.8 |  | 157.6 |
|  | Preducers ' Goods | 146 | 146.4 | 147.8 | 144.6 | 143.4 | 142.8 |
|  | Producers' Equipment | 15 | 175.5 | 174.6 | 175.7 | 176.5 | 176.5 |
|  | Producers' Materials | 131 | 143.2 | 244.9 | 141.2 | 139.8 | 139.1 |
|  | Building and Construction <br> Materials |  |  |  | 49 |  |  |
|  | Manufacturers' Materials |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| INDEX NUMBERS OF COMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO ORIGIN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | Raw and Partly Manufactured | 107 | 154.2 | 149.9 | 148.5 | 149.6 | 150.5 |
| Total | Fully or Chiefly Manufactured | 129 | 148.3 | 247.8 | 148.2 | 147.9 | 147.3 |
|  | Articles of Farm Origin (Dcmestic and Forekgn) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Field (Grain, fruits, cotton,etc.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (a) Raw or partiy manufactured | 46 | 163.0 | 151.1 | 144.7 | 140.5 | 145.7 |
|  | (b) Fully or chiefly manufactured | 41 | 161.5 | 256.6 | 154.0 | 151.3 | 151.4 |
|  | (c) Total | 87 | 163.1 | 153.9 | 150.0 | 146.4 | 149.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (a) Raw or partiy manufactured |  | 143.8 | 245.9 | 150.8 | 162.4 | $157.0$ |
|  | (b) Fully or chiefly manufactured | $128$ | 143.4 | 249.4 | 154.8 | 158.7 | 155.0 |
|  | (c) Total | 53 | 245.6 | 148.1 | 152.9 | 162.1 | 158.9 |
| C. Canadian Fam Producte |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (2) Animal | 16 | 143.9 | 136.7 | 139.2 | 151.0 | 248.5 |
|  | (3) Total | 36 | 155.7 | 144.8 | 141.3 | 243.4 | 245. |
| 11. Articles of Marine Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (b) Jully or chiefly manufactured | 6 | 164.6 | 167.0 | 167.0 | 167.0 | 170.5 |
|  | (c) Total | 8 | 161.7 | 156.1 | 157.0 | 158.7 | 164.2 |
| 111. | Articles of Porest Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (a) Raw or partly manufactured |  | 149.0 |  |  |  |  |
|  | (b) Fully or chiefly manufactured |  | 175.6 | 178.1 | 178.1 | 178.1 | 178.1 |
|  | (c) Cotal | 21 | 154.3 | 156.0 | 156.0 | 156.1 | 155.9 |
| IV. | Articles of Mineral Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (a) Ram or partiy manufactured | 18 | 151.2 | 151.6 | 151.7 | 152.1 | 152. |
|  | (b) Fully or chiefly manufactured |  | 133.5 | 133.6 | 134.3 | 134.3 | 134.6 |
|  | (c) Iotal | 67 | 143.1 | 143.2 | 143.7 | 143.9 | 144. |

(Classified According to Chief Component Material)
$1913=100$


| Commodities Co | No. of Comodities | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1927 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ | Aug. $1928$ | Sept. 1928 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 26 | 142.2 | 138.4 | 138.6 | 138.7 | 139.1 |
| Iron Ore | 1 | 106.0 | 106.0 | 106.0 | 106.0 | 106.0 |
| Cast $\begin{gathered}\text { cron Pipe }\end{gathered}$ | 1 | 158.2 | 146.3 | 146.3 | 140.3 | 1.40 .3 |
| Hardware (Chain,Bench <br> Screws, Hinges, Wire Nails) | ) 4 | 156.3 | 156.3 | 156.3 | 156.3 | 156.3 |
| Rolling Mill Products | 9 | 148.4 | 142.2 | 142.5 | 143.4 | 143.6 |
| Scrap Iron | 1 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 200.8 |
| Smelted Products | 3 | 119.8 | 121.8 | 121.8 | 121.8 | 122.7 |
| Tools and Hand Implements | 3 | 203.4 | 203.0 | 203.0 | 203.0 | 20.0 |
| Wire | 2 | 158.8 | 153.4 | 153.4 | 153.4 | 125.4 |
| Miscellaneous | 2 | 173.1 | 173.1 | 173.1 | 173.1 | 173.1 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and TheirProductsAluminiumAntimonyBrass SheetsCopper and Its ProductsLead and Its ProductsNickel IngotsSilverTin IngotsZinc and Its ProductsSolder | 15 | 93.6 | 95.7 | 95.8 | 95.3 | 96.2 |
|  | 1 | 97.8 | 93.7 | 93.7 | 93.7 | 33.7 |
|  | 1 | 141.5 | 116.9 | 115.0 | 113.8 | 119.9 |
|  | 1 | 114.6 | 118.8 | 118.8 | 118.8 | 118.3 |
|  | 4 | 97.5 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 107.9 | 110.2 |
|  | 2 | 137.9 | 130.9 | 131.2 | 133.2 | 133.2 |
|  | 1 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 76.3 |
|  | 1 | 93.7 | 98.7 | 98.5 | 95.8 | 97.1 |
|  | 1 | 132.5 | 106.5 | 108.6 | 107.0 | 109. |
|  | 2 | 132.2 | 133.1 | 133.9 | 133.9 | 133.9 |
|  | 1 | 130.0 | 109.1 | 109.1 | 105.5 | 109.2 |
|  | 16 | 170.2 | 170.6 | 171.6 | 172.3 | 172.3 |
|  | 2 | 177.5 | 177.5 | 177.5 | 177.5 | 177.5 |
|  | 2 | 329.7 | 329.7 | 329.7 | 329.7 | 329.7 |
|  | 4 | 208.1 | 207.0 | 207.0 | 208.1 | 208.2 |
|  | 2 | 83.3 | 83.2 | 83.2 | 83.2 | 83.2 |
|  | 2 | 93.2 | 93.2 | 97.8 | 97.8 | 37.5 |
|  | 2 | 102.3 | 117.7 | 117.7 | 117.7 | 2127.7 |
|  | 2 | 14.3 | 140.1 | 140.1 | 140.1 | 140.1 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | s 13 | 252.4 | 148.9 | 148.9 | 148.9 | 248.9 |
| Ccal, Tar, Orude | 1 | 237.5 | 237.5 | 237.5 | 237.5 | 237.5 |
| Sulphuric Acid 660 | 1 | 134.6 | 134.6 | 134.6 | 134.6 | 134.6 |
| Thite Lead, Putty \& Shellac | c 3 | 163.2 | 160.3 | 160.3 | 160.3 | 250.3 |
| Soap | 1 | 240.3 | 140.3 | 140.3 | 140.3 | $1 \div 0.3$ |
| Miscellaneous Inorganic Chemicals | 5 | 153.6 | 152.8 | 252.8 | 152.8 | 152.8 |
| Other Chemicals | 2 | 122.5 | 87.9 | 87.9 | 87.9 | 37.9 |

## INDEX NOMBERS OS COMMODITIES

(Classified According to Purpose for Which Used, 1913-100)

| No. of Commodities |  |  | oct. $1927$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ | Aug. 1928 | Sept. <br> 1928 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total index of All Commodities |  | 236 | 152.6 | 149.6 | 149.1 | 149.7 | 150.2 |
| 1. | CONSUMERS' GOODS (GROUPS A \& B) | 98 | 154.5 | 153.1 | 156.6 | 159.5 | 158.9 |
|  | Feods, Beverages fermasce | 74 | 156.2 | 151.5 | 156.4 | 160.9 | 159.9 |
|  | Beverages | 4 | 231.7 | 219.5 | 219.5 | 219.5 | 219.5 |
|  | Breadstuffs | 8 | 160.6 | 157.4 | 153.2 | 149.3 | 151.5 |
|  | Chocolate | 1 | 132.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 |
|  | Fish | 8 | 161.7 | 156.1 | 157.0 | 158.7 | 164.2 |
|  | Fruits | 8 | 207.2 | 227.5 | 223.9 | 218.3 | 235.8 |
|  | Meats, Poultry and Lard | 12 | 136.9 | 156.6 | 167.9 | 176.7 | 165.8 |
|  | Milk and Milk Products | 11 | 150.5 | 141.7 | 142.7 | 155.1 | 155.2 |
|  | Sugar, refined | 2 | 146.4 | 136.8 | 136.8 | 131.8 | 127.2 |
|  | Vegetables | 10 | 180.9 | 127.8 | 159.5 | 140.8 | 133.7 |
|  | Eggs | 2 | 164.3 | 127.4 | 132.7 | 147.2 | 163.2 |
|  | Tobacco | 2 | 216.5 | 216.5 | 216.5 | 216.5 | 216.5 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 6 | 160.9 | 159.1 | 159.1 | 159.1 | 159.1 |
| B. | Qther Consumers' Gocas | 24 | 152.3 | 155.2 | 156.8 | 157.8 | 157.6 |
|  | Clothing (Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear) | 11 | 255.8 | 169.1 | 169.1 | 168.1 | 167.9 |
|  | Household Equipment | 13 | 151.2 | 150.8 | 152.9 | 154.3 | 754.3 |
|  | Furniture | 3 | 194.8 | 194.8 | 194.8 | 194.8 | 194.8 |
|  | Glassware and Pottery | 3 | 320.6 | 320.1 | 320.1 | 320.1 | 320.1 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 7 | 149.9 | 149.5 | 151.7 | 153.1 |  |
| 11. | PRODUGERSI GOODS (GROUPS $C$ \& D) | 146 | 146.4 | 147.8 | 144.6 | 143.4 | 142.8 |
|  | Producers' Equinment | 15 | 175.5 | 174.6 | 175.7 | 176.5 | 176.5 |
|  | Tcols | 4 | 205.2 | 204.1 | 204.1 | 204.1 | 2.04 .1 |
|  | Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies <br> Miscellaneous | 4 | 175.5 169.5 | 174.7 165.2 | 175.9 165.2 | 176.7 265.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 176.7 \\ & 265.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| D. | Producers ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Materials | 131 | 143.2 | 145.0 | 141.2 | 139.8 | 139.1 |
|  | Building/ocnstruction Materials | 32 | 148.3 | 150.2 | 149.8 | 249.6 | 149.5 |
|  | Iumber | 14 | 149.3 | 151.2 | 151.2 | 151.3 | 151.0 |
|  | Painters' Materials | 4 | 161.2 | 154.7 | 154.7 | 249.6 | 153.8 |
|  | Miscellanecus | 14 | 144.3 | 147.1 | 145.9 | 245.4 | 145.4 |
|  | Manufactrurers ' Materials | 99 | 142.1 | 143.8 | 139.2 | 137.6 | 136.8 |
| For Textile and Clothing Industries |  | 21 | 174.8 | 172.4 | 169.0 | 165.0 | 165.3 |
|  | For Fur Industry | 2 | 441.8 | 304.8 | 304.8 | 322.2 | 322.2 |
|  | Frer Leather Industry |  | 127.5 | 139.6 | 136.0 | 135.7 | 125.1 |
|  | For Metal Norking Industries | 27 | 106.2 | 106.1 | 106.2 | 106.1 | 106.9 |
|  | For Chemical Using Industries | 7 | 144.2 | 136.1 | 136.1 | 136.1 | 136.1 |
|  | For Meat Packing Industries | 4 | 114.8 | 151.8 | 155.6 | 154.2 | 133.0 |
|  | For Xilling and Other Industries Niscollaneous Producers' | 9 | 163.5 | 153.4 | 136.8 | 135.8 | 143.2 |
|  | Materials | 23 | 243.7 | 141.2 | 140.5 | 237.7 | 139:3 |



The weighted index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services (1913 100 ) rose one point in October, being 155 as compured with 152 in Septembe:: Higher levels for foods and coal wert abcountable for the advance.

The index number for 46 food items rose from 149 to 152 , due mainly to hifher prices for butter, eggs, milk and meats. Fresh eggs advanced from $46 \frac{1}{4} \phi$ to $51 \phi$ per doz., while the storage variety were $41 \frac{1}{2} \phi$ and $45 \frac{1}{2} \phi$ per dog., respectively, for September ard October. Creamery butter was up from $46 \phi$ to $47 \frac{1}{2} \phi$ per $1 b$. and the dairy quality from $41 \frac{1}{4} \phi$ to $42 \frac{3}{4} \phi$. Milk showed the usual seasonal admance, rising from $11 \frac{3}{4} \phi$ to $12 \frac{3}{4} \phi$ pel qu. Neat prices were also higher. Potatoes, on the other hand, declined from $30 \frac{1}{4} \phi$ to $26_{4}^{3}$, per pk.

The fuel and lighting group was up two points,from 147 to 149 , due to higher prices for anthracite coal in Ontario and Quebec. The coal index for October was 173 as compared with 171 for September.

Index numbers for other groups remained unchanged.
INDEX NUKRERS OE RETAIL PRICES, RENTS AND COSTS OF SRRVICES, 1914-1927 AND JANUARY - OCTOBER, 1928.

|  | Total Index | Food Index | Fuel <br> Index | Rent <br> Index | Clothing Index | Sundries Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1914 | 101 | 104 | 98 | 97 | 101 | 100 |
| 1915 | 103 | 105 | 96 | 94 | 110 | 101 |
| 1916 | 111 | 117 | 98 | 95 | 126 | 106 |
| 1917 | 131 | 151 | 109 | 102 | 148 | 116 |
| 1918 | 149 | 173 | 120 | 108 | 173 | 130 |
| 1919 | 164 | 185 | 131 | 118 | 199 | 144 |
| 1920 | 190 | 213 | 156 | 135 | 242 | 757 |
| 1921 | 167 | 163 | 166 | 147 | 197 | 160 |
| 1922 | 153 | 138 | 159 | 153 | 167 | 160 |
| 1923 | 153 | 139 | 259 | 157 | 165 | 159 |
| 1924 | 150 | 137 | 155 | 158 | 161 | 156 |
| 1925 | 152 | 143 | 152 | 158 | 161 | 153 |
| 1926 | 153 | 151 | 152 | 156 | 158 | 151 |
| 1927 | 152 | 148 | 149 | 156 | 156 | 150 |
| 1927 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 153 | 152 | 151 | 156 | 157 | 151 |
| Febmary | 153 | 150 | 151 | 156 | 157 | 151 |
| March | 152 | 148 | 151 | 156 | 156 | 151 |
| April | 151 | 145 | 151 | 156 | 156 | 151 |
| May | 150 | 145 | 148 | 156 | 155 | 150 |
| June | 151 | 147 | 147 | 156 | 155 | 150 |
| July | 151 | 148 | 147 | 156 | 155 | 150 |
| August | 151 | 147 | 147 | 156 | 155 | 150 |
| September | 150 | 145 | 147 | 156 | 156 | 150 |
| October | 151 | 146 | 149 | 156 | 156 | 150 |
| November | 152 | 148 | 149 | 156 | 156 | 150 |
| December | 153 | 150 | 149 | 156 | 157 | 150 |
| $1928$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 153 | 151 | 149 | 156 | 157 | 150 |
| February | 152 | 149 | 149 | 156 | 157 | 150 |
| March | 152 | 147 | 149 | 156 | 158 | 150 |
| April | 152 | 247 | 149 | 156 | 158 | 150 |
| May | 151 | 145 | 149 | 156 | 158 | 150 |
| June | 151 | 144 | 147 | 156 | 159 | 150 |
| July | 151 | 145 | 147 | 156 | 159 | 150 |
| August | 152 | 149 | 147 | 156 | 159 | 150 |
| September | 152 | 149 | 147 | 156 | 159 | 150 |
| October | 153 | 152 | 149 | 156 | 159 | 150 |

## THMRX NUSBERS OT SECURTTY RRICES

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Hovumen方 of Inderes in October, 1928.
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    Mramers: index
    The Minarlars; Index: of the prives of the tweaty-five best selling industrial and pubitc utility comucn stocks on the Uontrial and Moronto Exchanges was 553.9 for the month of Oc jober, 1928, as compared with 470.6 for September, 1928 (monthly indexer are simple averages of weekly figuces.

Scmo of the principal chemes in price during the month were as fclicws:-

 $\$ 112.3$, National 3reweries from $\$ 135.1$ to $\$ 143.5$, British Columbla Power "B" from $\$ 23.3$ to $\$ \bar{y} 1.6$, Fraser from $\$ 62.3$ to $\$ 69.8$, National Stee 1 Car frcm $\$ 47.1$ to $\$ 54.2$, 3raziliar frcm $\$ 59.5$ to $\$ 66.6$, Nassey-Harris frcm $\$ 44.8$ to $\$ 50.1$, Canada Car and Founcry from $\$ 50.6$ to $\$ 55.3$ and Dominion Bridge frem $\$ 90 . ?$ to $\$ 93.9$. Abitibi fell frem $\$ 51.7$ to $\$ 44.6$, Canacian Incustrial Alcohol "A" frcm $\$ 43.5$ to $\$ 41.0$ and Canada Power and Paper from $\$ 32.8$ to $\$ 30.4$.

Sales of International Nickel went up frem 284,800 to 816,100 , Brazilian frem 247,300 to 819,900 , Massey-Herwis frc: 52,600 to 222,600, National Breweries frcm 24,900 to 71,700 , Shawinj gan from 23,230 to 73,400 , Cockshutt Plow Co. frcm 23,200 to 62,200, Dcminion Bridge frcin 46,700 to 84,200, British Cclumbia Power "Blifrcm 6,300 to 42,400 , British Columbia Power "A" from 13,500 to 43,000 , National Steel Car frcm 25,200 to 48,600 , Consolicatcd lining and Smelting from 5,200 to 27,600 , Abitibi from 18,100 to 40,100 , Quebec $¥ 0$ mer from 1C, 500 to 29,000 and Canadian Industrial Alcchol "A" from 24, 100 to 40,600 . Pewer Ccreoration foll from 39,400 to 35,400 and Montreal Light, Heat and Eower from 23,100 to 20.500

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Hote: The Tradersi Tnder measures the trond-of gains or losses for an "Average"
    trajer on the Uontreal ant Tcronto Stock Ixchanges, who buys and sells as a
    whole and turns over his investaents every week.
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Column 1. - Weightec inder numbers of the paices of the 25 best seling Industrial and Rublic Utility Corncy Stociss on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges.

Colum 11. - Weisoted index numbers of the volume of shares scldn
Ccluan 111.. Index numbers of the total noney value of the stocks included in 1 and 11 above.

| -4tral | 1 | Ii | 111 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | Prices | Sales | Values |
| 1926 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Jruary 1927 | 111.7 | 90.9 | 101.5 |
| Tebruary | 123.0 | 93.2 | 124.6 |
| Ma:ch | 132.3 | 95.5 | 126.3 |
| Ap=il | 146.2 | 102.3 | 149.6 |
| Lixy | 161.0 | 104.? | 167.8 |
| June | 177.3 | 232.1 | 234.2 |
| vuly | 174.0 | 66.7 | 116.0 |
| Argust | 187.8 | 63.1 | 118.5 |
| Sepiamber | 211.3 | 110.1 | 232.6 |
| October | 236.4 | 120.6 | 285.1 |
| Novenber | 251.7 | 83.9 | 211.2 |
| Deceraber | 2.81 .4 | 104.5 | 294.0 |

1920

| Januery | 317.7 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2\%b-mary | 322.0 |
| Mazch | 338.5 |
| ipril | 379.5 |
| May | 417.1 |
| June | 388.0 |
| Tuly | $\times 391.2$ |
| August | $\times 391.3$ |
| Seotember | $\times 470,6$ |
| Octroer | 553.9 |

* Revised index figures.


## INVESTORS' INDEX NUMRERS

The montily index number of 79 industrial stocks rose from 186.6 in September to 202.6 in October. Miscellaneous stocks, influenced by International Nickel, rose from 210.5 to 245.8. Iron and Steel and Iron and Steel Products rose from 247.3 to 267.5. Fulp and Paper Stocks declined frum 108.7 to 100 . 1. Sixteen domestic utilities were 144.2 in October as compared with 143.4 in September. For eight companies located abroad the index rose from 154.9 to 168.6 , strengtin in Brazilian being an important factor. Nine bank stoch rose from 139.9 to 142.2.

## PREFARRED STOCKS

The index number for twenty-three preferred industrial stocks rose slightly in October, being 121.3 as compared with 120.1 in September. Iron and Stuel Stocks, due to the influence of Steel of Canada, rose from 94.1 to 100.7. Pulp and Paper stocks decianed frem 162.1 in September to 158.6 in October.

## BORDS

Sixteen industrial and public service bonds were 111.9 in October as compared with 111.7 in September.

1. PRETERRED STOCKS
$1913=100$

| 1928 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb. | March | April May | June | July | Aug | Sept. |  |
| 23 | 121.5 | 120.0 | 123.9126 .1 | 123.0 | 123.0 | 117.6 | 120.1 | 121.3 |
| 3 | 93.3 | 89.0 | 105.4108 .5 | 102.3 | 99.9 | 86.6 | 94. | 100.7 |
| 3 | 90.2 | 91.4 | 92.392 .3 | 90.8 | 91.1 | 89.4 | 91. |  |
| 1 | 180.3 | 178.4 | 181.9183 .3 | 183.4 | 181.1 | 161.7 | 162.1 | 158.6 |
| 3 | 115.5 | 114.1 | 111.5112 .2 | 112.3 | 112.2 | 110.8 | 111.9 | 112.2 |
| 4 | 126.7 | 126.8 | 125.0125 .1 | 123.9 | 124.3 | 126.4 | 126.4 | 125.9 |
|  | 142.7 | 141.2 | 142.2144 .5 | 242.3 | 143.9 | 240.2 | 141.5 | 141.2 |
| 3 | 213.1 | 210.2 | 214.1221 .0 | 214.5 | 220.4 | 212.1 | 218. | 225.2 |
|  | 125.3 | 124,2 | 124.5125 .8 | 124.6 | 125.1 | 122.6 | 122.6 | 120.5 |

Iron and Steel
Iron and Steel Products and Construction
Pulp and Paper
villing
Textiles and Clothing
Miscellaneous
(a) Food and Allied Products
(b) All other
11. BONDS

Nc. of
Bonds $1921 \quad 1928$
Included Oct. Niev. Doc. $x^{\top} a \%$. Feb, Har. Lpwil lay June July Aug. Sept. Oct.


HEIGHTHD INDRX NNGBERS QF 27 MINING STOCKS
$1926=100$
The weighted index of seventeen mining stocks, computed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the base $1926=100$, was 119.0 for the week ending November lst as ccmpared with 118.1 for the week ending Octcber 25 th.

Gold copper stcaks, represented by Noranda and Amulet, rose frem 289.7 to 294.0. Eleven gold stccks rcse frcm 86.4 to 86,7 . Four silver and miscellaneous atocks fell from 66.5 to 65.5 .

Among the gold stocks the average weekly prices behaved as follows:Vipond Censclidated rcse from $58 \phi$ to $59 \phi$. Laise Shore frem $\$ 20.14$ to $\$ 20.86$ and Mright-Hargreaves frem $\$ 2.72$ to $\$ 2.87$. Dome fell from $\$ 8.61$ to $\$ 8.42$, Hollinger frem $\$ 9.43$ to $\$ 9.24$, McIntyre from $\$ 21.42$ to $\$ 21.24$ and Sylvanite from $\$ 2.30$ to $\$ 2.240$

Average prices were higher for one of the gold copper stocks and lrwer for the cther. Noranda rose from $\$ 54.46$ to $\$ 55.59$, while Armlet fell from $\$ 3.30$ to $\$ 3.13$

In the silver and miscellaneous group the average price of Nipissing fell from $\$ 2.96$ to $\$ 2.90$ and Coniagas from $\$ 2.95$ to $\$ 2.60$. (For Tables see pages 15 and 14).

$1926=1.0$


INDEX NMBERS OF SEVENTEHN MINING STOCKS

|  | Gold | Copper $\qquad$ 2 | Silver and Miscellaneous $\qquad$ | Total <br> Index <br> 17 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 113.1 | 132.3 | 226.5 | 216.0 |
| February | 120.1 | 124.6 | 122.2 | 120.8 |
| Narch | 219.6 | 128.9 | 109.1 | 120.2 |
| April | 318.4 | 123.4 | 106.6 | 118.3 |
| May | 122.5 | 136.5 | 103.1 | 123.0 |
| June | 118.1 | 130,4 | 101.3 | 118.7 |
| July | 121.4 | 134.7 | 113.2 | 222.7 |
| August | 125.7 | 150.0 | 226.3 | 228.5 |
| September | 334.2 | 263.6 | 112.7 | 237.0 |
| October | 139.7 | 275.2 | 125.1 | 243.8 |
| Novernber | 139.4 | 263.3 | 129.3 | 142.1 |
| Decermber | 136.3 | 255.5 | 123.8 | 238.2 |
| 1928 |  |  |  |  |
| Week ending July 5 th | 108.8 | 270.3 | 85.3 | 233.7 |
| 112 th | 208.5 | 295.4 | 85.9 | 237.6 |
| " 19th | 102.1 | 288.6 | 86.0 | 230.8 |
| 1126 th | 96.4 | 309.6 | 83.9 | 230.4 |
| Alug. and | 93.7 | 307:2 | 82.7 | 126.8 |
| 119 th | 92.0 | 296.0 | 78.3 | 123.6 |
| " 26th | 92.0 | 272.9 | 76.3 | 120.6 |
| 1 23rad | 91.9 | 293.3 | 79.6 | 123.9 |
| n 30th | 93.0 | 302.6 | 79.3 | 126.2 |
| Sept.6th | 93.6 | 293.5 | 80.4 | 125.3 |
| 1 13th | 92.1 | 289.9 | 79.9 | 123.5 |
| " 20th | 90.4 | 278.8 | 73.3 | 120.0 |
| (1) 27 th | 90.2 | 272.1 | 75.1 | 118.9 |
| Oct. 4th | 86.5 | 254.9 | 72.3 | 133.0 |
| 11 11th | 81.1 | 248.5 | 64.7 | 207.3 |
| 11 18 th | 80.6 | 254.4 | 64.1 | 107.8 |
| (1) 25 th | 86.4 | 289.7 | 66.5 | 128.1 |
| Nov. 1st | 36.7 | 294.0 | 65.5 | 119.0 |

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(a) Converted to 1913 base. (b) Gold Narks. (c) New Series. (x) 000's oritted. (d) End of Month.



 (d) Gold Index. if Average of eight months. (e) Average last week of month. (f) First of followilg montr.


(a) Converted to 1913 base. (b) Jnd of month. (c) Last dednesday cf month. (d) Fifteer.th of month

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[^1]JHLEX NUNEERS OF CCST OF LIVING AND RETALI. PRICES OF FOOD IN CANADA AND OTHER CONTRIES


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[^0]:    (a) First of bienth
    ( $x$ ) Index Ne of prices revised $1926=100$.

[^1]:    (1) first ralf of year. (2) Since date of statilisation, gold index.

[^2]:    (1) Gcld Wark prices.
    (2) Gold Index since 1926 new series.
    (3) Since date of stabilisation sold index.

