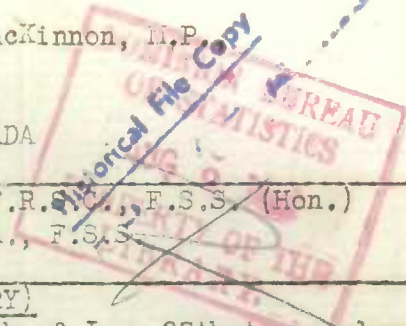


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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JULY, 1941 (PRELIMINARY)

WHOLESALE: Following a further advance from 90.4 for the week of June 27th to an eleven-year peak of 91.2 in mid-July, the Bureau's weekly index of wholesale prices on the base 1926-100 eased fractionally to 91.0 in the closing week. During the same period an index of 30 industrial material prices moved up from 88.6 to 90.3 due to firmer quotations for raw silk, cottonseed oil and rosin in the manufacturing materials section. A sub-group index of 12 stable commodities remained unaltered at 110.5. In the general index of 567 commodities higher prices for livestock, meats, butter and eggs in the animal products group were almost counterbalanced by a drop in the vegetable products section due mainly to lower prices for potatoes and onions. Reflecting a further advance in raw cotton and a sharp increase in raw silk prices, the textile products index moved considerably higher while the iron products index was unchanged at 111.8. Reacting to a sharp seasonal decline for potatoes and onions in the field products section a composite index of Canadian farm product prices eased from 72.1 at the end of June to 71.2 for the week of August 1. Firmness in the animal products section mainly reflected higher prices for livestock and eggs.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 100.8 to 111.9-11.0 per cent) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost of living index for Canada advanced 1.4 between June 1 and July 2, 1941, from 110.5 to 111.9. As in the preceding month, the increase was due in part to seasonal increases in vegetables. The food group index advanced from 112.5 to 116.6 between the two dates noted above with vegetables, meats, and eggs all recording sharp increases. Other advances were as follows: fuel and light from 110.2 to 110.5, clothing from 114.9 to 115.1, and home furnishings and services from 112.1 to 113.0. The rent index remained at 109.7, and the miscellaneous group index also was unchanged at 105.6

SECURITIES: Continuing the hesitant advance of the previous month there was a general increase in prices on all domestic security markets in July. On the base 1935-39=100, the Investors' composite weekly index for 95 common stocks moved up from 64.2 at the end of June to 68.0 for the week of July 31, while a comparable series for 25 mining issues advanced from 70.8 to 75.4. In the Investors' series most important sub-group increases were registered by transportation issues, pulp and paper stocks, beverages and industrial mines. Among the mining stocks advances were registered in both the gold and base metal stock sub-groups with the latter registering the sharpest increase. Bond prices improved slightly over the month as indicated by an advance of 0.5 to 101.0 in the Bureau's index of Dominion of Canada long-term bonds.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE: No change was recorded in the official buying and selling rates of \$4.43-4.47 for sterling and \$1.10-1.11 for United States funds. At New York sterling free market rates hovered between \$4.04 and \$4.03 1/2, the latter figure being the closing rate for the month and indicating no net change. Over the same period Canadian funds at New York stiffened 5/16 of a cent to 88 5/8¢ on July 31 as against a monthly low of 88 3/16¢ touched on the 8th and 17th.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES
 (1926-100 for Wholesale Prices)
 (1935-39-100 for Cost of Living and Security Prices)

	July 1940	June 1941	July, 1941				
			Week ended -				
			3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
WHOLESALE							
General - 567 Price Series	82.6	90.0	90.3	90.6	91.2	91.2	91.0
Industrial Materials	78.7	88.0	88.5	88.8	89.3	90.3	90.3
Canadian Farm Products	64.4	71.0	71.3	72.0	72.7	71.8	71.2
COST OF LIVING (1st of month).....	105.6	110.5			111.9		
Investors' Price Index(95 common stocks).	66.1	64.0	65.0	67.9	66.6	67.5	68.0
68 Industrials	62.6	60.3	61.2	64.3	62.8	64.1	64.6
19 Utilities	70.4	67.1	68.9	70.9	70.3	70.5	70.8
Mining Stock Price Index (25 stocks)	64.8	71.0	71.3	75.3	73.6	74.2	75.4
22 Golds	59.1	64.4	63.7	66.4	65.5	66.0	66.8
3 Base Metals	75.1	83.9	86.3	93.0	89.6	90.3	92.3
Dominion of Canada Long-Term Bonds							
Price Index	98.6	100.5	100.6	100.8	100.9	100.9	101.0
Yield Index	101.1	96.4	95.9	95.9	95.9	95.9	95.6
FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS - noon rates (Bank of Canada) at Montreal							
U.S. dollars x	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars
Sterlingx	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars
	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105
	4.450	4.450	4.450	4.450	4.450	4.450	4.450

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



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