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PRICE MOVEMENTS, NOVEMBER, 1943 (PRELIMINARY)

**WHOLESALE:** Prices for Canadian farm products moved up gradually in November to reach a peak level of 104.5 (1926=100) in the final week, compared with 103.8 a month earlier. Animal products gained 1.0 to 126.3 reflecting a rise of 3.7 points to 141.9 in the live-stock price index and an increase of 0.9 points to 117.4 for eggs. Stronger quotations for potatoes, hay and onions contributed to a gain of 0.4 to 91.4 in field products.

The composite weekly index for 30 industrial materials on the base 1926=100 eased 0.1 to 99.2 between October 29 and November 26. Lower quotations for cottonseed oil and rosin were responsible for the decline; they also accounted for a drop of 0.5 points to 82.9 in the manufacturing materials sub-group. Foods advanced 0.7 points to 100.8 due to upturns for hogs and steers, while the stable series remained unchanged at 119.7.

**COST OF LIVING:** (Wartime increase 18.5 per cent -- from 100.8 to 119.4) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 119.3 on October 1 to 119.4 on November 1, 1943. This was due entirely to an increase of 0.2 points to 133.1 in the food index. Small declines in fresh fruits and vegetables between October 1 and November 1 were overbalanced by further advances for eggs and butter. Meats remained firm. Other budget group indexes remained unchanged for November, as follows: rentals 111.9, fuel and lighting 113.3, clothing 121.1, homefurnishings and services 118.2, and miscellaneous items 108.3.

**SECURITIES:** Security prices moved substantially lower in November, apparently influenced by unsubstantiated rumors of peace. From a level of 85.3 in the last week of October the Investors' weekly index for 94 common stocks dropped to a low of 78.1 in the week of November 18. A slight rally in the following week to 78.9 reduced the net drop for the month to 7.5 p.c., but this cancelled all gains accumulated since the end of March. Utilities as a group were down 8.4 p.c. to 92.1, industrials 7.9 p.c. to 74.7, while banks advanced 0.1 p.c. to 80.3. Relatively severe sub-group declines were recorded for transportation stocks, off 15.1 p.c. to 96.5; industrial mines 12.1 p.c. to 62.2; building materials, 9.2 p.c. to 83.3; power and traction, 8.1 p.c. to 88.3; pulp and paper, 8.0 p.c. to 94.7; oils 6.4 p.c. to 74.5; machinery and equipment, 5.9 p.c. to 102.8 and food and allied products 5.0 p.c. to 89.6. Mining stocks shared in the November decline although to a somewhat lesser extent than industrials and utilities. The composite weekly index for 25 representative mining issues recorded a decline of 6.9 p.c. to 71.6 between October 28 and November 25. Base metals dropped 9.9 p.c. to 83.4 and golds were weaker also, registering a loss of 5.0 p.c. to 65.1. Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices continued steady during October as indicated by the yield on a 15-year 3 p.c. theoretical issue which remained unchanged at 3.00.

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

	Nov. 1942	Oct. 1943	November, 1943			
			Week ended -			
			4th	11th	18th	25th
<b>WHOLESALE</b>						
Industrial Materials .....	94.9	99.1	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.2
Canadian Farm Products .....	86.5	103.6	104.2	104.2	104.3	104.5
<b>COST OF LIVING (1st of month)</b> .....	118.6	119.3	-----	-----	119.4	-----
Foods .....	132.4	132.9	-----	-----	133.1	-----
<b>INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX (94 common stocks)</b>	67.6	86.4	82.0	80.1	78.1	78.9
68 Industrials .....	64.1	81.6	77.5	75.6	73.8	74.7
18 Utilities .....	77.6	104.3	97.1	94.8	91.6	92.1
<b>MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX (25 stocks)</b> ....	51.6	77.2	76.0	73.6	71.2	71.6
22 Golds .....	40.7	68.5	68.3	66.9	64.4	65.1
3 Base Metals .....	73.2	93.5	90.1	85.7	83.7	83.4
<b>Dominion of Canada Long-Term Bonds -</b>						
Yield Index .....	99.6	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3

\* Week ends Friday instead of Thursday.

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No.	Year	Value	Index	Rate	Ratio	Description
1940	1940	100	100	100	100	...
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1942	1942	...	...	...	...	...
1943	1943	...	...	...	...	...
1944	1944	...	...	...	...	...
1945	1945	...	...	...	...	...
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