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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JUNE, 1943(PRELIMINARY)

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WHOLESALE: The composite index for 30 industrial materials advanced 0.2 points to 97.1 (1926=100) between May 28 and June 25. Substantial strength in steers coupled with minor increases for hogs, oats and wheat was sufficient to advance the food index 1.7 points to 96.3 during the period under review. A slight reduction in rosin quotations lowered the manufacturing series of 13 commodities 0.1 to 82.6, while the stable group of 12 items remained unchanged at 116.0. A weekly index for Canadian farm products, after advancing to a new peak of 96.1 in the third week of June, then reacted to 95.3 for a net gain of 0.9 points. Strength in field products, which registered a net advance of 1.6 points to 81.3 on higher prices for wheat, oats, barley, rye, onions and potatoes, accounted for the increase. Hay was slightly easier in this section. Reflecting a sharp seasonal drop in sheepskins and fowl which offset higher prices for livestock, eggs and raw wool the animal products section index moved 0.5 points lower to 118.6 by June 25.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 17.6 per cent--from 100.8 to 118.5). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 118.1 on May 1 to 118.5 on June 1. The greater part of this increase came from foods, but indexes for fuel and light, clothing, and miscellaneous items also registered fractional gains. The food index advanced from 129.9 to 130.9. Prices for eggs, meats, potatoes, and oranges were higher, although butter averaged a cent a pound lower. The fuel and light index mounted from 112.7 to 113.0, while scattered increases in men's wear and piecegoods advanced the clothing index from 120.2 to 120.4. The miscellaneous group moved from 108.0 to 108.2 following an upward change in motor operating costs. Other group indexes remained unchanged, rents at 111.5 and homefurnishings and services at 117.8.

SECURITIES: Security prices continued to exhibit a firmer tone in June. Between May 27 and June 24, the composite index for 95 common stocks advanced 2.6 p.c. to 86.1; the high point of 87.1 came on June 10. An index of utilities registered a net increase of 4.5 p.c. to 111.4, while industrials were 2.1 p.c. higher at 79.4. There were several substantial group increases; pulp and paper gained 10.4 p.c. to 96.3, power and traction 10.3 p.c. to 111.8, oils 5.9 p.c. to 72.1, machinery and equipment 4.5 p.c. to 110.1, telephone and telegraph 4.1 p.c. to 97.3, textiles and clothing 3.6 p.c. to 123.7, milling 3.5 p.c. to 94.5 and food and allied products 3.1 p.c. to 90.6. Two groups were lower, transportation issues recording a loss of 8.0 p.c. to 124.7, while industrial mines dipped 2.8 p.c. to 77.2. Mining stock prices were mixed with golds continuing to advance and base metals weakening. Between May 27 and June 24 the composite index for 25 representative mining issues moved 3.7 p.c. higher to 68.0 on a gain of 5.8 p.c. to 58.3 for 22 gold shares. Base metal shares eased 0.2 points to 86.3. The yield on Dominion of Canada long-term bonds as indicated by a 15-year 3 p.c. theoretical issue held unchanged at a level of 3.00.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES

(1926=100 for Wholesale Prices)

(1935-39=100 for Cost of Living and Security Prices)

	June 1942	May 1943	June, 1943			
			3rd	Week ended -		24th
				10th	17th	
WHOLESALE /						
Industrial Materials	94.8	96.8	96.8	97.1	97.2	97.1
Canadian Farm Products	81.5	92.8	94.9	95.6	96.1	95.3
COST OF LIVING (1st of month)	116.7	118.1	----- 118.5 -----			
Investors' Price Index(95 com. stocks)	62.8	83.7	84.8	87.1	86.2	86.1
68 Industrials	58.4	77.6	78.4	80.9	79.4	79.4
19 Utilities	68.1	106.2	108.8	111.3	112.2	111.4
Mining Stock Price Index(25 stocks)	53.2	66.9	67.5	69.0	68.2	68.0
22 Golds	42.6	56.6	58.4	59.6	59.3	58.3
3 Base Metals	74.3	87.0	85.1	87.2	85.5	86.3
Dominion of Canada Long-Term Bonds- Yield Index	98.8	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3
Foreign Exchange Quotations - noon rates at Montreal						
U.S. dollars (x)	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105
Sterling (x)	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 16, 1939.



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Annex 1

The following table shows the number of persons in the population of Canada, by province and territory, in 1981. The population of Canada in 1981 was 24,080,000. The population of Ontario was 10,000,000. The population of Quebec was 6,000,000. The population of Alberta was 2,000,000. The population of Saskatchewan was 1,000,000. The population of Manitoba was 1,000,000. The population of British Columbia was 3,000,000. The population of the Yukon was 30,000. The population of the Northwest Territories was 30,000. The population of Nunavut was 30,000.

TABLE 1
POPULATION OF CANADA BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORY, 1981

Province/Territory	1981	1976	1971	1966	1961
Canada	24,080,000	22,000,000	20,000,000	18,000,000	16,000,000
Ontario	10,000,000	9,000,000	8,000,000	7,000,000	6,000,000
Quebec	6,000,000	5,500,000	5,000,000	4,500,000	4,000,000
Alberta	2,000,000	1,800,000	1,600,000	1,400,000	1,200,000
Saskatchewan	1,000,000	900,000	800,000	700,000	600,000
Manitoba	1,000,000	900,000	800,000	700,000	600,000
British Columbia	3,000,000	2,500,000	2,000,000	1,500,000	1,000,000
Yukon	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Northwest Territories	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Nunavut	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000