

62 001

DOMINION OF STATISTICS  
 SEP 4 1943  
 PROPERTY OF THE LIBRARY

Published by Authority of the HON. JAMES A. MACKINNON, M.P.  
 Minister of Trade and Commerce  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE  
 DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS - CANADA  
 INTERNAL TRADE BRANCH

Dominion Statistician: S. A. CUDMORE, M.A. (Oxon.) F.S.S., F.R.S.C.  
 Chief, Internal Trade Branch: Herbert Marshall, B.A., F.S.S.  
 Prices Statistician: H. F. Greenway, M.A.

Historical File Copy

PRICE MOVEMENTS, AUGUST, 1943 (PRELIMINARY)

**WHOLESALE:** Little net change occurred in industrial material price levels during August, the composite index for 30 materials advancing one-tenth of a point to 98.3 between July 30 and August 27. In the food section a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per bushel increase for No. 3 Nor. wheat overbalanced slightly lower quotations for steers and hogs, to lift this index 0.8 to 98.3. Both the manufacturing material series and the stable group of commodities were unchanged at 83.6 and 117.1 respectively. After advancing to 97.2 in the opening week of the month, the weekly index of Canadian farm product prices dipped to 95.5 by the 27th for a net loss of 1.5 points. Accounting for most of the decline was a drop of 2.0 points to 81.5 for field products; this reflected sharply lower quotations for potatoes coupled with smaller declines for onions, hay, the higher grades of wheat, and rye. Animal products dipped 0.6 to 118.9, lower prices for livestock more than offsetting firmer quotations for eggs.

**COST OF LIVING:** (Wartime increase 18.3 per cent--from 100.8 to 119.2). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 118.8 on July 2 to 119.2 on August 2, 1943. This was the sixth consecutive month in which the index has recorded an increase. The total rise for the period has been 2.3 points, with monthly advances ranging from 0.3 to 0.5 points. The decline of 1.9 points occurring in January and February 1943 has been offset by this advance, with a small margin to spare, and the August 1943 index is 1.3 points above the index for July 1942 upon which the last cost-of-living bonus was authorized.

Foods accounted for most of the August increase. The food index mounted from 131.8 for July to 133.2 for August. Eggs were sharply higher, and there were small scattered increases for beef, veal, lamb, onions, raisins, and lemons. Clothing and homefurnishings gained fractionally from 120.5 to 120.6 and 117.8 to 117.9 respectively. Other group indexes remained unchanged, fuel and lighting at 113.4, rentals at 111.5, and miscellaneous items at 108.2.

**SECURITIES:** Security price movements on Canadian exchanges were mixed during August. There was a general decline in industrial and utility stocks, but continued strength in mining issues. The industrial and utility groups included declines of 5.0 p.c. for transportation stocks, 3.6 p.c. for industrial mines, 3.5 p.c. for power and traction and 3.1 p.c. for oils, and the Investors' composite weekly index for 94 common stocks dropped 2.4 p.c. between July 29 and August 26. Utilities, as a group, were down 3.0 p.c. in the same interval, while industrials eased 2.6 p.c. Bank shares stiffened 2.1 p.c. during the month. The composite index for 25 representative mining issues advanced 2.2 p.c. to 75.7 in August. The series for 22 golds moved 2.7 p.c. higher to 67.3, while the base metal stocks section moved up 1.3 p.c. to 91.6. Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices continued unchanged in August, and the yield on a 15-year 3 p.c. theoretical issue remained at 3.00.

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

	August 1942	July 1943	August, 1943			
			Week ended -			
			5th	12th	19th	26th
<b>WHOLESALE</b> /						
Industrial Materials .....	94.3	97.8	98.3	98.2	98.3	98.3
Canadian Farm Products .....	81.3	96.4	97.2	97.3	96.2	95.5
<b>COST OF LIVING</b> (1st of month) .....	117.7	118.8	----- 119.2 -----			
Foods .....	129.6	131.8	----- 133.2 -----			
Investors' Price Index(94 common stocks)..	61.6	91.0	89.1	88.5	89.2	88.7
68 Industrials .....	58.5	85.7	83.8	83.0	84.0	83.5
18 Utilities .....	67.8	112.4	110.3	109.4	109.5	108.7
Mining Stock Price Index(25 stocks) .....	49.4	71.5	74.1	73.7	74.2	75.7
22 Golds .....	38.0	62.8	65.1	64.6	64.7	67.3
3 Base Metals .....	72.3	88.2	91.2	91.0	92.5	91.6
Dominion of Canada Long-Term Bonds -						
Yield Index .....	99.0	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3

/ Week ends Friday instead of Thursday.

