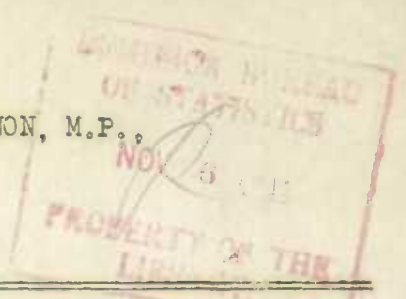


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WHOLESALE: Between the weeks of September 29 and October 27, the composite index of farm product wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, advanced from 101.0 to 103.3 for a net gain of 2.3 points. Animal products rose 5.5 points to 123.2, reflecting the October 1 increase in the fluid milk subsidy from 35 cents to 55 cents per cwt, and also sharply higher egg prices. Following a weak opening, livestock prices recorded moderate strength as the month advanced, though closing quotations were still below final September levels. In the field products section a rise of 0.4 to 91.4 was due to increases for grains and hay which outweighed declines for potatoes and onions.

The composite weekly index for 30 industrial materials dipped 0.1 to 99.8 between September 29 and October 27, thereby cancelling the previous month's advance. Foods were down 1.0 to 98.3, following further weakness in steers and hogs, while the manufacturing materials series advanced 0.2 to 84.8 on continued strength in rosin quotations. There was no change in the stable group index which held at 119.9.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 17.7 p.c.—from 100.8 to 118.6). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined further from 118.8 for September 1 to 118.6 for October 2, 1944. Continued autumn decreases in fresh vegetables were mainly responsible for this change. The food index dropped from 131.2 for September to 130.8 for October, with price reductions in fresh vegetables, citrus fruits and lamb partially offset by small increases for butter and eggs. Other group changes were fractional. Rents advanced from 111.9 to 112.0, and clothing from 121.5 to 121.6. Lower gasoline prices in some areas reduced the miscellaneous index from 109.0 to 108.9. Two group indexes remained unchanged, fuel and light at 108.7 and homefurnishings and services at 118.4.

SECURITIES: There was little net change in common stock prices on Canadian exchanges during October. Between the weeks of September 28 and October 26 the investors' composite index for 95 common stocks eased 0.1 p.c. to 85.6 (1935-39=100) after touching a mid-month peak of 86.6. The group index for 18 utilities moved down 1.6 p.c. to 98.9, while an index for 69 industrials advanced 0.2 p.c. to 81.0. Sub-group changes were small, milling stocks, down 4.2 p.c. to 98.6 registering the sharpest loss, followed by power and traction 3.4 p.c. lower at 88.7; foods and allied products 2.4 p.c. at 98.7 and transportation issues 1.6 p.c. at 126.3. Gains were recorded by telephone and telegraph shares, 2.9 p.c. higher at 103.1 and industrial mines, up 1.2 p.c. at 74.4. In the mining stocks section weakness in gold shares was responsible for a drop of 2.8 p.c. to 82.3 in the composite index between September 28 and October 26. As a group, golds averaged 4.9 p.c. lower at 73.5, while base metal shares were fractionally firmer at 98.7 compared with 97.9 a month earlier. Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices were steady in October as indicated by the yield on a 15-year 3 p.c. theoretical issue which held at 2.99 throughout the month.

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

	Oct. 1943	Sept. 1944	October, 1944			
			Week ended -			
			5th	12th	19th	26th
WHOLESALE						
Industrial Materials	98.9	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.9	99.8
Canadian Farm Products	103.6	101.0	102.4	102.4	102.6	103.3
COST OF LIVING (1st of Month)	119.3	118.8	-----118.6-----			
Foods	132.9	131.2	-----130.8-----			
Investors' Price Index (95 common stocks)	36.4	85.0	36.4	86.6	86.5	85.6
69 Industrials	31.6	80.4	31.7	81.8	81.6	81.0
18 Utilities	104.3	98.1	100.2	100.9	101.3	98.9
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX (25 stocks)	77.2	84.9	85.2	85.0	84.5	82.3
22 Golds	68.5	77.3	77.1	76.4	75.9	73.5
3 Base Metals	93.5	98.7	100.0	101.0	100.4	98.7
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS						
Yield Index	97.3	97.0	97.0	97.0	97.0	97.0

Week ended Friday instead of Thursday.

