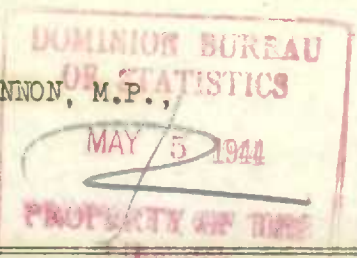


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WHOLESALE: Weakness predominated in Canadian farm product prices in April, lowering the composite index 0.6 points to 103.6 between the weeks of March 31 and April 28. In the field products section there was a decline of 0.8 to 91.9; lower prices for potatoes outweighed strength in timothy hay, rye and onions. Animal products dipped 0.2 to 123.3 due to weakness for veal calves and eggs.

Higher food prices offset lower quotations in the manufacturing materials series to hold the composite index for 30 industrial materials unchanged at 99.6 between March 31 and April 28. The weekly index for five food materials stiffened 0.2 to 100.2 in the same interval due to fractionally firmer prices for steers and hogs, while a reduction in resin was responsible for a decline of 0.2 to 83.6 for the index of 13 manufacturing materials. The stable series of 12 items held unchanged at 120.1.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 18.2 per cent--from 100.8 to 119.1). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index increased from 119.0 on March 1 to 119.1 on April 1, 1944. The food index advanced 0.4 points and the clothing index 0.1 during this interval, with other groups showing no variation. Seasonal price increases for vegetables and oranges were mainly responsible for a rise in the food index from 131.1 to 131.5 despite minor declines for eggs, lard and meats. The clothing index gained fractionally from 121.3 to 121.4, while other group indexes remained unchanged as follows: rents 111.9, fuel and light 113.0, homefurnishings and services 118.4, and miscellaneous items 109.0.

SECURITIES: A mixed tendency was in evidence on Canadian stock exchanges in April. Between March 30 and April 27 the Investors' composite index of 95 common stocks eased 2.6 p.c. to 78.5. Major factors in this movement were declines in transportation issues, down 7.2 p.c. to 110.4, and pulp and paper shares 6.6 p.c. lower at 106.2. Other sub-groups to record relatively sharp declines were beverage shares, down 5.8 p.c. to 147.7; power and traction 4.8 p.c. lower at 89.3 and textiles and clothing stocks 4.2 p.c. at 116.2. Telephone and telegraph issues stiffened 1.1 p.c. to 98.7 to register the only increase. In the mining stocks section, marked strength occurred for base metal issues in the opening week. This advanced the sub-group index 5.9 points to 92.3, while for the whole period March 30 to April 27, the base metals index gain was 6.5 points to 92.9. Golds registered a rise of 0.9 p.c. to 70.2, while the composite index for 25 representative mining issues closed up 3.3 p.c. at 78.2. There was no change in Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices as indicated by the yield on a 15-year 3 p.c. theoretical issue which held unchanged at 3.00.

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

	April 1943	March 1944	April, 1944			
			Week ended -			
			6th	13th	20th	27th
WHOLESALE /						
Industrial Materials	96.7	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6
Canadian Farm Products	92.3	104.3	104.1	104.3	103.9	103.6
COST OF LIVING(1st of Month).....	117.6	119.0	----- 119.1 -----			
Foods	128.7	131.1	----- 131.5 -----			
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX(95 com.stocks).	82.6	81.5	80.0	79.9	78.7	78.5
69 Industrials	77.4	76.1	74.5	74.8	73.4	73.5
18 Utilities	101.4	100.4	99.2	97.4	96.1	95.2
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX(25 stocks)...	68.6	76.0	78.9	77.8	77.1	78.2
22 Golds	59.0	70.1	71.5	70.4	69.3	70.2
3 Base Metals	87.0	86.5	92.3	91.3	91.6	92.9
Dominion of Canada Long-Term Bonds -						
Yield Index	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3

/ Week ends Friday instead of Thursday.



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