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PRICE MOVEMENTS, NOVEMBER, 1945 (PRELIMINARY)

WHOLESALE: The composite index of Canadian farm product prices registered further

1.9

strength in November, advancing 0.4 points to 106.2 between the weeks of October 26 and November 23. The field product section rose 0.5 to 94.6 due to firmer quotations for rye, potatoes and onions which outweighed fractional weakness in hay. An upturn in livestock quotations coupled with continued strength in eggs supported a rise of 0.4 to 125.7 for animal products in November.

Industrial material prices more than recovered October losses after recording a net gain of 0.6 points to 98.6 between the weeks of October 26 and November 23. Among sub-groups higher prices for rosin and raw cotton were responsible for a gain of 0.8 to 85.2 in the manufacturing materials section while the index for five foods rose 0.6 to 99.1, reflecting increases for steers and hogs. A firmer quotation for bituminous coal imported from the United States accounted for a gain of 0.1 to 115.1 in the stable subgroup in November.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 18.9 p.c.-from 100.8 to 119.9). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 119.7 on October 1 to

119.9 on November 1, 1945. This change was due almost entirely to an increase in the food index from 133.3 to 134.0, produced mainly by higher prices for eggs and butter. Fuel and light declined fractionally from 106.7 to 106.6, while clothing advanced 0.1 to 122.5. Other group indexes remained unchanged, as follows: rentals 112.3, homefurnishings and services 119.4, and miscellaneous items 109.6.

SECURITIES: Canadian stock exchanges continued firm in November, and the Investors' index for 100 common stocks rose 5.2 p.c. to 108.7 between the weeks of October 25 and November 29. Industrials advanced 5.8 p.c. to 103.4, led by gains of 10.5 p.c. for textiles and clothing, 9.6 p.c. for pulp and paper and 8.4 p.c. for industrial mines. Utilities moved up 4.5 p.c. to 128.2, reflecting upturns of 6.9 p.c. for transportation issues and 4.9 p.c. for telephone and telegraph stocks. In the mining share section, the composite index for 25 representative issues advanced 7.1 p.c. to 107.1. Base metals advanced 10.7 p.c. to an index level of 112.2, while golds stiffened 5.3 p.c. to 103.0. Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices were slightly stronger again in November as indicated by the yield of a theoretical 15-year 3 p.c. issue which recorded a mid-month decline cf .01 to 2.90.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES (1926=100 for Wholesale Prices)

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

	Nov.	Oct.	November, 1945				
		1945	Week ended				
			lst,	8th	15th	22nd	29th
WHOLESALE /							
Industrial Materials	99.7	97.9	98.2	98.4	98.5	98.6	-
Canadian Farm Products	103.1	105.6	105.7	105.9	106.2	106.2	-
COST OF LIVING (1st of month)	118.9	119.7			119.9		
Foods	131.6	133.3	134.0				
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX (100 com. stocks)	86.0	104.2	104.7	105.9	106.4	107.6	108.7
74 Industrials	81.0	98.4	99.1	100.8	101.0	102.6	103.4
18 Utilities	100.8	124.6	124.3	124.6	125.3	126.0	128.2
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX (25 stocks)	83.1	98.8	100.6	101.2	105.7	107.9	107.1
22 Golds	75.9	96.2	97.6	98.5	103.4	104.2	103.0
3 Base Metals	95.9	101.1	103.7	103.6	107.0	112.2	112.2
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG TERM BONDS		1		1			
Yield Index	97.0	94.4	94.4	94.4	94.4	94.1	94.1

4 Week ends Friday instead of Thursday.

