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PRICE MOVEMENTS, DECEMBER, 1945. (PRELIMINARY)

**WHOLESALE:** Canadian farm product prices averaged fractionally higher in December, the composite index gaining 0.2 to 106.4 between the weeks of November 30 and December 28. Field products advanced 0.4 to 94.9, reflecting higher prices for rye, potatoes and onions. A recession in egg quotations produced a drop of 0.2 to 125.4 in animal products, outweighing strength in livestock and poultry.

The index for 30 industrial material prices rose 0.4 points to 99.0 between the weeks of November 30 and December 28. Strength in foods was principally responsible, an index for this series rising 2.4 points to 101.6, supported by firmer quotations for steers and hogs. Thirteen manufacturing materials rose 0.1 to 85.2, due to a higher price for raw cotton, while the stable sub-group composed of 12 price series remained unchanged at 115.1.

**COST OF LIVING:** (Wartime increase 19.1 p.c.--from 100.8 to 120.1). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index made a further slight gain from 119.9 to 120.1 between November 1 and December 1, 1945. Fractional advances in the indexes for foods, fuel and light, and homefurnishings and services accounted for this change. The food index moved from 134.0 to 134.3 as citrus fruits, fresh vegetables, and butter recorded moderate advances. Fuel and light increased from 106.6 to 107.1, and homefurnishings and services from 119.4 to 119.5. Other budget group indexes were the same as for November, rentals at 112.3, clothing at 122.5, and miscellaneous items at 109.6.

**SECURITIES:** There was a further increase in prices on Canadian stock exchanges in the final month of 1945. The Investors' weekly index of 100 common stocks advanced 4.2 p.c. to 113.3 between November 29 and December 27. There has been a gain of 30.5 p.c. in this index during the past year. Notable strength was registered in December by pulp and paper issues, up 19.1 p.c. to an index level of 241.5. Transportation shares advanced 13.4 p.c. to 224.4, banks 10.9 p.c. to 112.0, building materials 7.3 p.c. to 141.1, beverages 6.8 p.c. to 305.6 and machinery and equipment 6.5 p.c. to 156.1, and power and traction 4.6 p.c. to 115.2. Other groups all recorded small advances with the exception of industrial mines which were down 1.1 p.c. to 97.8. Movements in mining stocks paralleled industrials and utilities, the composite index for 25 representative issues advancing 2.0 p.c. to 109.2 between November 29 and December 27, and 33.0 p.c. over December 28, 1944. Golds moved up 2.3 p.c. to 105.4 during the month while base metals were up 1.2 p.c. to 113.6. Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices registered continued strength as indicated by the yield of a theoretical 15-year 3 p.c. issue which declined from 2.87 on November 28 to 2.83 on December 26.

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

	Dec. 1944	Nov. 1945	December, 1945			
			Week ended -			
			6th	13th	20th	27th
<b>WHOLESALE</b> /						
Industrial Materials .....	100.0	98.5	98.8	98.8	98.9	99.0
Canadian Farm Products .....	103.3	106.1	106.2	106.4	106.1	106.4
<b>COST OF LIVING</b> (1st of month).....	118.5	119.9	----- 120.1 -----			
Foods .....	130.3	134.0	----- 134.3 -----			
<b>INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX</b> (100 common stocks).	86.6	107.2	111.9	110.9	111.2	113.3
74 Industrials .....	80.7	102.0	106.2	104.8	104.5	106.2
18 Utilities .....	105.4	126.0	134.2	133.4	134.8	136.8
<b>MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX</b> (25 stocks).....	80.6	105.5	108.5	107.8	106.5	109.2
22 Golds .....	74.4	102.3	104.0	103.7	102.3	105.4
3 Base Metals .....	91.6	108.8	114.7	113.1	112.0	113.6
<b>DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS</b>						
Yield Index .....	96.9	93.9	92.8	92.5	91.8	91.8

/ Week ends Friday instead of Thursday.



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TABLE 1		TABLE 2	
Year	Value	Year	Value
1960	100.0	1960	100.0
1961	101.2	1961	101.2
1962	102.5	1962	102.5
1963	103.8	1963	103.8
1964	105.1	1964	105.1
1965	106.4	1965	106.4
1966	107.7	1966	107.7
1967	109.0	1967	109.0
1968	110.3	1968	110.3
1969	111.6	1969	111.6
1970	112.9	1970	112.9
1971	114.2	1971	114.2
1972	115.5	1972	115.5
1973	116.8	1973	116.8
1974	118.1	1974	118.1
1975	119.4	1975	119.4
1976	120.7	1976	120.7
1977	122.0	1977	122.0
1978	123.3	1978	123.3
1979	124.6	1979	124.6
1980	125.9	1980	125.9
1981	127.2	1981	127.2
1982	128.5	1982	128.5
1983	129.8	1983	129.8
1984	131.1	1984	131.1
1985	132.4	1985	132.4
1986	133.7	1986	133.7
1987	135.0	1987	135.0
1988	136.3	1988	136.3
1989	137.6	1989	137.6
1990	138.9	1990	138.9
1991	140.2	1991	140.2
1992	141.5	1992	141.5
1993	142.8	1993	142.8
1994	144.1	1994	144.1
1995	145.4	1995	145.4
1996	146.7	1996	146.7
1997	148.0	1997	148.0
1998	149.3	1998	149.3
1999	150.6	1999	150.6
2000	151.9	2000	151.9
2001	153.2	2001	153.2
2002	154.5	2002	154.5
2003	155.8	2003	155.8
2004	157.1	2004	157.1
2005	158.4	2005	158.4
2006	159.7	2006	159.7
2007	161.0	2007	161.0
2008	162.3	2008	162.3
2009	163.6	2009	163.6
2010	164.9	2010	164.9
2011	166.2	2011	166.2
2012	167.5	2012	167.5
2013	168.8	2013	168.8
2014	170.1	2014	170.1
2015	171.4	2015	171.4
2016	172.7	2016	172.7
2017	174.0	2017	174.0
2018	175.3	2018	175.3
2019	176.6	2019	176.6
2020	177.9	2020	177.9
2021	179.2	2021	179.2
2022	180.5	2022	180.5
2023	181.8	2023	181.8
2024	183.1	2024	183.1
2025	184.4	2025	184.4
2026	185.7	2026	185.7
2027	187.0	2027	187.0
2028	188.3	2028	188.3
2029	189.6	2029	189.6
2030	190.9	2030	190.9

A line with a value of 100.0 is shown for the year 1960.