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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JULY, 1945 (PRELIMINARY) *Historical File Copy*

WHOLESALE: The Canadian farm product wholesale price index rose 2.3 points to 108.1 between the weeks of June 29 and July 27, influenced mainly by seasonal strength in potatoes. Field products recorded a gain of 3.7 points to 99.6 in this interval; in addition to the sharp rise for potatoes, delivered prices for hay averaged fractionally higher, although onions were somewhat lower. In the animal products group price increases for eggs and fowl outweighed declines for livestock to move the index up 0.1 to 122.4 at the end of July.

The composite weekly index for 30 industrial material prices recorded a gain of 0.3 points to 99.5 between June 29 and July 27. The food sectional index rose 1.1 points to 103.6 as higher prices for hogs overbalanced weakness in steers. The stable price group rose 0.1 to 117.0 when crude oil advanced; the manufacturing materials series likewise gained 0.1 to 84.3 when rosen prices stiffened.

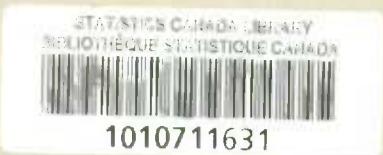
COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 19.3 p.c. from 100.8 to 120.3). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index continued upward from 119.6 on June 1 to 120.3 on July 3, 1945. Further advances in fresh vegetables accounted for most of this increase, with the food index mounting from 133.4 to 135.6. Eggs and a few meats also showed gains, although oranges and raisins averaged somewhat lower. The clothing index moved fractionally from 122.1 to 122.2 and homefurnishings and services increased from 113.9 to 119.2. The fuel and light index recorded the only group decline from 106.6 to 106.5. Rentals remained at 112.1 and miscellaneous items at 109.4.

SECURITIES: There was noticeable weakness in common stock prices on Canadian exchanges in July, although sales volume tended to decline on recessions. Between June 28 and July 26 the Investors' composite index for 100 common stocks weakened 3.0 p.c. to 99.1, with decreases of 3.8 p.c. to 121.7 in the utilities index, and 3.0 p.c. to 92.4 in the industrial issues group. Sub-group changes showed transportation stocks down 9.5 p.c. during the month to 133.8, followed by industrial mines, off 5.6 p.c. to 84.1. Milling stocks and beverages were each down 3.9 p.c. to index levels of 112.0 and 206.9 respectively. Small increases were registered by two groups, telephone and telegraph gaining 1.0 p.c. to 110.1, and food and allied products 0.4 p.c. to 110.2. Losses for mining stocks were greater than those recorded for industrials and utilities, the composite index for 25 representative mining issues falling 4.6 p.c. to 91.7 between the weeks of June 28 and July 26. Gold shares registered a drop of 5.1 p.c. to 86.8, while base metals declined 3.4 p.c. to 99.4. Further strength continued to be recorded for Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices as indicated by a drop in the yield of a theoretical 15-year 3 p.c. issue from 2.94 on June 27 to 2.91 on July 25.

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

	July 1944	June 1945	July, 1945			
			Week ended -			
			5th	12th	19th	26th
WHOLESALE †						
Industrial Materials	100.1	99.4	99.3	99.4	99.5	99.5
Canadian Farm Products	102.0	105.7	106.3	108.2	109.0	108.1
COST OF LIVING (1st of month)	119.0	119.6	----- 120.3 -----			
Foods	132.0	133.4	----- 135.6 -----			
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX (100 com. stocks)	87.5	102.5	101.3	102.5	100.0	99.1
74 Industrials	83.3	95.7	94.1	95.1	92.7	92.4
18 Utilities	104.3	127.0	126.2	128.3	124.8	121.7
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX (25 stocks) ..	87.3	96.5	95.1	94.0	91.9	91.7
22 Golds	80.0	92.2	90.6	88.4	86.2	86.8
3 Base Metals	100.2	102.7	101.5	103.1	101.3	99.4
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS						
Yield Index	97.0	95.6	94.7	94.7	94.4	94.4

† Week ends Friday instead of Thursday.



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