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PRICE MOVEMENTS, NOVEMBER, 1946 (PRELIMINARY)

WHOLESALE: An index number of Canadian farm product wholesale prices registered little net change in November; the composite index advanced only 0.1 to 113.3 between the weeks of October 25 and November 29. Sub-group movements were mixed. Field products rose 0.3 to 99.4 supported by firmer quotations for rye and hay which overbalanced an easier tone for potatoes and onions. Animal products on the other hand, dipped 0.2 to 136.5 reflecting weakness in eggs which outweighed strength in livestock and fluid milk.

There was no net change in the composite level for 30 industrial material prices between October 25 and November 29, the index for this series holding at 105.8. Among sub-groups, the food series moved up 0.5 to 104.9 due to an increase in hogs and steers, but this was counterbalanced by a drop of 0.1 to 90.8 in the manufacturing materials index following further weakness in raw cotton quotations. The stable series remained unchanged at 125.4.

COST OF LIVING: (Increase since August 1939, 26.1 p.c.—from 100.8 to 127.1). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 126.8 on October 1 to 127.1 on November 1, 1946. Moderate price increases were widely scattered, with five of the six budget group indexes recording gains. The food series moved from 146.5 to 146.6 on small increases for eggs, meats and fish, and fruits. Vegetables averaged slightly lower. The fuel and light index rose from 107.3 to 108.6 as western coal prices moved higher. Clothing increased from 130.2 to 131.1, and home-furnishings from 128.8 to 129.2. Advances in the hospital and periodical sub-groups changed the miscellaneous index from 113.9 to 114.1. Rents remained at 113.4.

SECURITIES: Common stock prices on Canadian exchanges opened weak and then made some recovery during November to close the month 2.2 p.c. higher at 103.9. Individual groups, however, recorded substantial differences in behaviour, industrial mines advancing 8.5 p.c. to 87.7 between October 31 and November 28, followed by bank shares 5.3 p.c. higher at 131.0 and power and traction up 5.0 p.c. at 109.3. Losses were noted for beverages, down 7.9 p.c. to 306.5, transportation off 3.6 p.c. to 146.1, and foods 3.1 p.c. to 119.5. In the mining stock section the composite index for 27 representative issues rose 1.8 p.c. to 82.8 between October 31 and November 28. Stronger quotations for base metal shares which advanced 4.7 p.c. to 103.0 were responsible; the gold stock series was unchanged at 71.8. Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices remained firm in November as indicated by the yield on a theoretical 15-year 3 p.c. issue which was unchanged at 2.62 throughout the month.

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

	Nov. 1945	Oct. 1946	November, 1946			
			Week ended -			
			7th	14th	21st	28th
WHOLESALE /						
Industrial Materials	99.2	106.1	105.4	105.6	105.6	105.8
Canadian Farm Products	109.3	112.8	113.3	113.5	113.4	113.3
COST OF LIVING (1st of month)	119.9	126.8	----- 127.1 -----			
Foods	134.0	146.5	----- 146.6 -----			
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX (100 common stocks) ..	107.2	101.8	102.6	103.3	100.3	103.9
74 Industrials	102.0	95.0	95.4	96.2	92.8	96.8
18 Utilities	126.0	114.1	116.2	115.9	112.5	116.3
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX (27 stocks)	105.5	80.3	84.6	84.7	80.9	82.8
23 Golds	102.3	70.1	75.2	74.1	71.1	71.8
4 Base Metals	108.8	98.9	101.6	104.2	98.7	103.0
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG TERM BONDS						
Yield Index	93.9	85.0	85.0	85.0	85.0	85.0

/ Week ends Friday instead of Thursday.



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STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
1950	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1951	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1952	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1953	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1954	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1955	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1956	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1957	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1958	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1959	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1960	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00