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 PRICE MOVEMENTS JUNE 1947

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JULY, 1947 (PRELIMINARY)

**COST OF LIVING:** The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' cost-of-living index on the base 1935-39=100 advanced 1.0 points from 134.9 on June 2 to 135.9 on July 2, 1947. Five of the six component groups showed increases. These were foods, which rose from 157.7 to 159.8; fuel and light, 116.7 to 117.3; clothing, from 142.4 to 143.2; home furnishings and services, from 139.8 to 142.5; and miscellaneous items, from 117.1 to 117.2. The rent index was unchanged for the month, at 117.8. Among individual food items showing increases at a large number of centres were butter, cheese, eggs, lamb, rice, cocoa, potatoes, marmalade, and lemons. Among the non-food items showing increases were men's suits, women's rayon slips and men's and women's shoes. Several items of furniture and house furnishings also showed small increases.

The Dominion cost-of-living index, when adjusted to the base August, 1939=100, moved to 134.8 at July 2 as compared with 133.8 on June 2.

DOMINION COST OF LIVING INDEXES (1935-39=100)

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home Furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
July 2, 1947 ....	135.9	159.8	117.8	117.3	143.2	142.5	117.2
Month ago .....	134.9	157.7	117.8	116.7	142.4	139.8	117.1
Year ago .....	125.1	144.2	112.6	107.2	126.4	125.1	113.7

**SECURITIES:** The Investors' Price Index of Common Stocks moved upward during July and for the four weeks ending July 24 it averaged 107.6, which was 2.3 points higher than in the preceding month. The advance was widespread and general, being noted in almost every industrial and commercial sector. Mining stock prices also increased steadily during the month, although golds declined slightly in the latest week under review.

WEEKLY SECURITY PRICE INDEXES, 1935-39-100

	Week ended -				July	June	July
	July 3rd	10th	17th	24th	Average 4 weeks	Average	1946
<b>INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX</b> (100 Common Stocks)...	106.1	107.4	107.6	109.1	107.6	106.3	119.1
74 Industrials .....	99.5	100.6	100.7	102.3	100.8	98.6	112.6
18 Utilities .....	118.1	120.4	120.9	122.5	120.5	116.7	132.2
<b>MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX</b> (27 stocks) .....	84.4	85.5	87.1	86.6	85.9	86.9	93.4
23 Golds .....	74.4	75.7	77.2	75.8	75.8	76.6	81.7
4 Base Metals .....	102.4	103.1	104.7	106.0	104.1	105.5	114.9
<b>DOMINION OF CANADA LONG - TERM BONDS - Yield Index</b>	84.0	83.7	83.7	83.7	83.8	84.3	85.1

**WHOLESALE PRICES (WEEKLY):** A small sample of important industrial and farm products prices, which is maintained on a weekly basis, showed divergent movements during July, although both were slightly higher than the average for the preceding month.

WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES, 1926=100

	Week ended -				July	June	July
	July 4th	11th	18th	25th	Average	Average	1946
Industrial Materials ...	131.6	131.7	132.6	132.2	132.0	129.9	103.1
Canadian Farm Products..	120.4	120.6	120.0	119.1	120.0	119.1	114.0

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