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PRICE MOVEMENTS, AUGUST, 1947 (PRELIMINARY)

COST OF LIVING: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index on the base 1935-39=100 advanced 0.7 points to 136.6 on August 1 from 135.9 on July 2, 1947. Four groups were higher, led by a gain of 2.3 points to 145.5 for clothing. In this group increases in men's clothing predominated, followed by upturns in footwear, women's wear and piece goods. Fuel and lighting increased 1.3 points to 118.6, supported by scattered increases for coal and coke. Homefurnishings and services moved up 1.2 points to 143.7, reflecting higher prices for cleaning supplies and furniture. A gain of 0.8 points to 160.6 for foods, one of the smallest in several months, was due to slightly higher quotations for a long list of items including eggs, lamb and carrots. The remaining two groups were unchanged: rentals at 117.8 and miscellaneous items at 117.2.

The Dominion cost-of-living index, when adjusted to the base August 1939=100, moved up to 135.5 at August 1 as compared with 134.8 on July 2.

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

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home-furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
August 1, 1947	136.6	160.6	117.8	118.6	145.5	143.7	117.2
Month ago	135.9	159.8	117.8	117.3	143.2	142.5	117.2
Year ago	125.6	144.7	112.6	107.2	127.6	127.0	113.8

SECURITIES: There was an easier undertone for industrial and utility common stocks in August, as exemplified by a drop of 1.9 points to 105.5 in the Investors' index for 100 common stocks when compared with the July level. Mining stocks, on the other hand, were firmer, an index for 27 issues stiffening 1.2 points to 87.0 between July and August. Support for this series came from the gold share group where a monthly index gain of 1.7 points to 77.3 occurred.

WEEKLY SECURITY PRICE INDEXES, 1935-39=100

	Week ended -				August Average	July Average	August 1946
	Aug. 7th	14th	21st	28th			
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX							
(100 Common Stocks)	106.3	105.3	105.4	105.0	105.5	107.4	116.9
74 Industrials	99.5	98.4	98.8	98.3	98.8	100.6	110.4
18 Utilities	118.5	117.2	116.3	116.2	117.1	120.2	130.3
8 Banks	129.5	129.4	129.0	129.7	129.4	129.0	132.3
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX							
(27 Stocks)	85.1	87.0	86.7	89.0	87.0	85.8	89.7
23 Golds	74.6	77.3	76.9	79.7	77.3	75.6	77.6
4 Base Metals	104.2	102.9	104.0	105.2	104.1	104.1	112.1
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS - Yield Index..							
	83.7	84.0	84.0	84.0	83.9	83.8	85.0

WHOLESALE PRICES (WEEKLY): A small sample of important industrial and farm products prices, which is maintained on a weekly basis, showed a slight drop during August.

WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES, 1926=100

	Week ended -					August Average	July Average	August 1946
	Aug. 1	8th	15th	22nd	29th			
Industrial Materials ...	131.9	131.1	131.6	131.4	131.3	131.5	132.0	104.5
Canadian Farm Products..	119.8	119.6	119.8	119.8	119.5	119.7	120.0	111.7



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