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PRICE MOVEMENTS, SEPTEMBER, 1947 (PRELIMINARY)

COST OF LIVING: On the base 1935-39=100 the Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index rose 2.8 points to 139.4 between August 1 and September 2, 1947. This was the sharpest monthly increase since May, 1926. Substantial increases in prices for foods, clothing and homefurnishings and services were the principal supporting factors. A gain of 4.7 points to 165.3 for the food series reflected, among other items, advances for butter, eggs, meats, tea, coffee, lemons and oranges, which outweighed a seasonal decline in potatoes. The clothing group rose 6.5 points to 152.0, due to increases concentrated mainly in men's and women's wear, notably overcoats, topcoats and suits. In the homefurnishings and services group a gain of 3.7 points to 147.4 was supported principally by further substantial advances in furniture, floor coverings and homefurnishings. Scattered increases for coal and coke lifted the fuel and light group 2.5 points to 121.1 while higher health and personal care costs moved the miscellaneous group of items up 0.3 to 117.5. Rentals at 117.8 was the only group remaining unchanged.

When adjusted to the base August 1939=100 the Dominion cost-of-living index moved up to 138.3 on September 2 from 135.5 on August 1.

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

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home-furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
September 2, 1947.....	139.4	165.3	117.8	121.1	152.0	147.4	117.5
August 1, 1947	136.6	160.6	117.8	118.6	145.5	143.7	117.2
September 3, 1946....	125.5	143.2	112.6	107.2	129.6	128.4	113.9

SECURITIES: The easier undertone prevailing for security prices in August continued through September. There was a decline of 2.2 points to 102.8 in the composite index for 100 common stocks between the weeks of August 28 and September 25. In the same interval the composite level of mining shares weakened 1.3 points to an index level of 87.7.

WEEKLY SECURITY PRICE INDEXES, 1935-39=100

	Week ended -				September Average	August Average	September 1946
	Sept. 4th	11th	18th	25th			
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX							
(100 Common Stocks)	104.6	104.0	104.7	102.8	104.0	105.5	104.4
74 Industrials	97.8	96.7	97.7	95.9	97.0	98.8	97.4
18 Utilities	115.6	117.8	117.7	115.0	116.5	117.1	118.8
8 Banks	130.5	130.4	129.2	127.4	129.4	129.4	124.1
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX							
(27 Stocks)	88.2	86.5	88.8	87.7	87.8	87.0	81.6
23 Golds	76.8	79.2	81.0	79.8	80.0	77.3	71.1
4 Base Metals	102.5	98.5	102.0	101.1	101.0	104.1	101.0
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS - Yield Index.							
	84.0	84.0	84.0	84.0	84.0	83.9	84.0

WHOLESALE PRICES (WEEKLY): Industrial material price index was considerably firmer in September. The weekly series rose 3.9 points to 135.2 between the weeks ending August 29 and September 26. In the same interval Canadian farm product prices at wholesale advanced 1.1 points to 120.6.

WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES, 1926=100

	Week ended -				September Average	August Average	September 1946
	Sept. 5th	12th	19th	26th			
Industrial Materials....	131.4	132.1	134.1	135.2	133.8	131.5	105.6
Canadian Farm Products..	119.8	119.9	121.0	120.6	120.3	120.0	110.8

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