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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JULY 1948 (PRELIMINARY)

**COST OF LIVING:** The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 154.3 for June 1 to 156.9 for July 2, 1948. A further sharp rise in the food index was supplemented by moderate increases in the clothing, homefurnishings and services, fuel and light, and miscellaneous items indexes. The food series moved up from 193.9 to 201.3 due mainly to meats, potatoes and eggs. Clothing advanced from 174.8 to 175.4, home-furnishings and services from 162.0 to 162.8, fuel and light from 124.3 to 124.5, and miscellaneous items from 122.7 to 123.1. The rental index was unchanged at 120.9.

From August 1939 to July 2, 1948 the increase in the cost-of-living index was 55.7 per cent.

Dominion Cost-of-living Indexes (1935-39=100)

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home-furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
July 2, 1948 .....	156.9	201.3	120.9	124.5	175.4	162.8	123.1
June 1, 1948 .....	154.3	193.9	120.9	124.3	174.8	162.0	122.7
July 2, 1947 .....	135.9	159.8	117.8	117.3	143.2	142.5	117.2

**SECURITIES:** The Investors' index for 100 common stocks dropped from 119.8 for the week of June 24 to 113.7 for the week of July 29. Group index declines during the same period were: 76 industrials 5.7 points to 108.4, 16 utilities 9.2 points to 123.3 and 8 banks 2.5 points to 126.7. Mining stocks, on the other hand, registered a fractionally firmer tone, an index for 30 representative issues moving up from 79.1 on June 24 to 79.4 on July 29. Gold shares stiffened 0.4 points to 60.6 in the same interval while 5 base metal issues eased 0.1 points to 117.0

Weekly Security Price Indexes, 1935-39=100

	Week ended -					Monthly Average			
	June 24th	July 2nd	July 8th	July 15th	July 22nd	July 29th	July 1948	June 1948	July 1947
<b>INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX</b>									
(100 Common Stocks) .....	119.8	118.2	117.7	116.9	114.9	113.7	116.3	120.3	107.4
76 Industrials .....	114.1	112.8	112.4	111.5	109.7	108.4	111.0	114.9	100.6
16 Utilities .....	132.5	129.2	127.3	126.9	124.5	123.3	126.2	132.2	120.2
8 Banks .....	129.2	128.6	129.4	128.7	125.7	126.7	127.8	128.5	129.0
<b>MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX</b>									
(30 Stocks) .....	79.1	78.8	78.5	78.5	78.6	79.4	78.8	81.1	85.8
25 Golds .....	60.2	60.0	60.1	60.3	60.3	60.6	60.3	62.7	75.6
5 Base Metals .....	117.1	116.7	115.4	114.9	115.1	117.0	115.8	118.0	104.1
<b>DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS YIELD INDEX</b>									
	95.4	95.7	95.4	95.4	95.7	95.7	95.6	95.4	83.8

**WHOLESALE PRICES (WEEKLY):** The weekly index of Industrial Material Prices moved from 155.3 for the week ending June 25 to 154.8 for the week ending July 30. Lower prices for oats, steers and raw cotton proved of slightly more importance than increases in hogs, raw rubber and sisal. In the same period, Canadian Farm Products declined from 149.1 to 145.1, as advances in hides, poultry and eggs failed to offset reductions in grains, potatoes, hay and livestock.

Weekly Wholesale Price Indexes, 1926=100

	Week ended					Monthly Average			
	June 25th	July 2nd	July 9th	July 16th	July 23rd	July 30th	July 1948	June 1948	July 1947
Industrial Materials ....	155.3	154.8	154.5	155.3	155.2	154.8	154.9	153.4	132.0
Canadian Farm Products ..	149.1	148.2	146.5	147.9	145.9	145.1	146.7	146.8	126.5

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