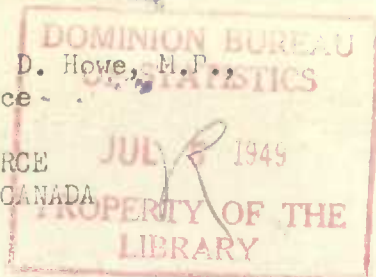


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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JUNE, 1949 (PRELIMINARY)*

COST OF LIVING: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 159.5 to 160.5 between May 2 and June 1. The increase established a new peak for the index and placed it 0.9 points above the previous high of 159.6 recorded for October and November 1948, and January 1949. The May-June advance was entirely attributable to a rise in the food index of 3.4 points to 202.9. It was accounted for by a further seasonal rise in meats combined with a number of other increases, the most important of which were fresh vegetables and oranges. The direction of the indexes of homefurnishings and services and fuel and light was contrary to the total index and both declined 0.4 points to 167.7 and 128.7 respectively. Clothing remained unchanged at 183.3 as did miscellaneous at 128.4. In both of these groups scattered small increases and decreases balanced each other. The rent index remained at 122.4. June rent survey results now being tabulated will be incorporated in the July 2nd cost-of-living index.

From August, 1939 to June, 1949 the increase in the cost-of-living index was 59.2 per cent.

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

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
June 1, 1949	160.5	202.9	122.4	128.7	183.3	167.7	128.4
May 2, 1949	159.5	199.5	122.4	129.1	183.3	168.1	128.4
June 1, 1948	154.3	193.9	120.9	124.3	174.8	162.0	122.7

WHOLESALE PRICES (WEEKLY): The index of Industrial Material Prices fell from 148.6 (1926=100) for the week ending May 27 to 146.5 for the week ending June 24. This compared with 155.3 for the corresponding week of last year, and a peak of 163.2 for the final week of last August. Quotations for pulp, white lead and non-ferrous metals were lower, but oats advanced. Hogs rose sharply in the first three weeks, only to lose one half the increase in the fourth week. Canadian Farm Products mounted from 147.8 to 150.3 in the same period. Grains were fractionally higher, and potatoes, hay and eggs moved up, while steers, calves, poultry and wool declined.

Weekly Wholesale Price Indexes, 1926=100

	Week ended -					Monthly Average -		
	May 27th	June 3rd	June 10th	June 17th	June 24th	June 1949	May 1949	June 1948
Industrial Materials ..	148.6	148.2	148.6	147.4	146.5	147.7	149.9	153.4
Canadian Farm Products.	147.8	148.7	149.9	150.0	150.3	149.7	147.6	153.7

SECURITIES: The Investors' weekly index for 106 common stocks receded a further 3.5 points to 99.6 between May 26 and June 23. General declines were reflected in index recessions of 4.1 points to 92.4 for 82 industrials, 2.3 points to 109.3 for 16 utilities and 0.2 to 131.4 for 8 banks. Mining stocks were easier also, the index for 30 representative issues dipping 0.5 to 79.9 between May 26 and June 23. The index for 25 golds moved down 0.6 points to 67.7 in this interval while five base metal stocks declined 0.3 to 103.0

Weekly Security Price Indexes, 1935-39=100

	Week ended - (1949)					Monthly Average		
	May 26th	June 2nd	June 9th	June 16th	June 23rd	June 1949	May 1949	June 1948
<u>INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX</u>								
(106 Common Stocks) ...	103.1	100.5	99.3	98.5	99.6	99.5	105.3	120.3
32 Industrials	96.5	93.7	92.0	91.4	92.4	92.4	98.8	114.9
16 Utilities	111.6	109.5	109.3	107.9	109.3	109.0	113.5	132.2
8 Banks	131.6	130.2	132.0	130.8	131.4	131.1	132.4	128.5
<u>MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX</u>								
(30 Stocks)	80.4	77.8	77.3	76.9	79.9	78.0	82.5	81.1
25 Golds	68.3	65.7	65.5	64.6	67.7	65.9	69.4	62.7
5 Base Metals	103.3	100.7	99.6	100.5	103.0	101.0	107.5	118.0
<u>DOMINION OF CANADA LONG- TERM BONDS-YIELD INDEX</u>								
	94.4	94.4	94.4	94.4	94.4	94.4	94.4	95.4

* Indexes published in this bulletin do not yet include data covering Newfoundland.

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