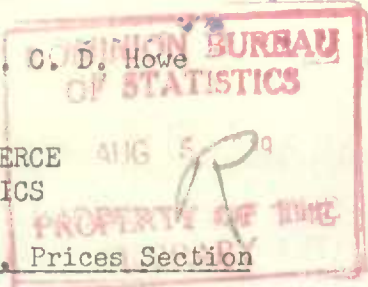


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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JULY, 1949 (PRELIMINARY)*

COST OF LIVING: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 160.5 to 162.1 between June 1 and July 2. The increase was almost entirely due to a 4.3 rise in the food index which conformed to the seasonal movement normally experienced during this period. The food index rose from 202.9 to 207.2 as sharp increases in eggs and potatoes combined with smaller advances in other fresh vegetables and meats. Rents were the only other group to show an appreciable change; the index for this group moved from 122.4 to 123.4 reflecting the results of a June rent survey. The clothing index was unchanged at 183.3 and the index of homefurnishings and services declined 0.2 points to 167.5. The fuel and light index rose from 128.7 to 129.1 as the price of coal advanced fractionally in several centres. The index of miscellaneous items changed from 128.4 to 128.5.

From August, 1939 to July, 1949 the increase in the cost-of-living index was 60.8 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, 1949.....	162.1	207.2	123.4	129.1	183.3	167.5	128.5
June 1, 1949.....	160.5	202.9	122.4	128.7	183.3	167.7	128.4
July 2, 1948.....	156.9	201.3	120.9	124.5	175.4	162.8	123.1

WHOLESALE PRICES (WEEKLY): The index of Industrial Material Prices declined from (1926=100) 146.5 for the week ending June 24 to 146.1 for the week ending July 22. This was approximately 6 per cent below the level of a year ago. The movement of the index was somewhat irregular throughout July and was influenced mainly by increases in steers, hogs, lead, zinc and copper, and decreases in wood pulp, steel scrap, oats, raw cotton and sisal. Canadian Farm Products rose from 150.3 to 150.8 in the same period. Grains, potatoes and poultry were lower, but sharp increases occurred for hay and eggs, and quotations for steers were moderately higher.

Weekly Wholesale Price Indexes, 1926=100

	Week ended -					Monthly Average		
	June 24th	July 1st	July 8th	July 15th	July 22nd	July 1949 (4 wks)	June 1949	July 1948
Industrial Materials ..	146.5	145.9	146.2	145.7	146.1	146.0	147.7	154.9
Canadian Farm Products.	150.3	151.8	150.4	150.6	150.8	150.9	149.7	153.6

SECURITIES: The Investors' weekly index for 106 common stocks rose 5.5 points to 105.6 between June 30 and July 28 thereby erasing most of the June decline. In the same interval the index for 16 utilities moved up 6.5 points to 116.7 while 82 industrials advanced 5.5 points to 98.5 and 8 banks 2.0 to 132.6. Mining stocks registered strength also, the composite index for 30 representative issues stiffening 3.6 points to 86.0 between June 30 and July 28. Base metal shares, reversing their downward tendency of the past several months, moved up 6.5 points to 114.2 while the index for 25 golds advanced 2.2 points to 71.3.

Weekly Security Price Indexes, 1935-39=100.

	Week ended - (1949)					Monthly Average		
	June 30th	July 7th	July 14th	July 21st	July 28th	July 1949	June 1949	July 1948
<u>INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX</u>								
(106 Common Stocks) ...	100.1	102.2	104.7	104.3	105.6	104.2	99.6	116.3
82 Industrials	93.0	95.6	98.0	97.6	98.5	97.4	92.5	111.0
16 Utilities	110.2	111.3	114.6	114.6	116.7	114.3	109.2	126.2
8 Banks	130.6	129.7	130.5	130.1	132.6	130.7	131.0	127.8
<u>MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX</u>								
(30 Stocks)	82.4	84.1	84.9	84.4	86.0	84.9	78.9	78.8
25 Golds	69.1	70.2	70.7	70.1	71.3	70.6	66.5	60.3
5 Base Metals	107.7	110.6	112.4	112.1	114.2	112.3	102.3	115.8
<u>DOMINION OF CANADA LONG- TERM BONDS-YIELD INDEX</u>								
	94.4	94.4	94.1	93.4	93.4	93.8	94.4	95.6

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

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