

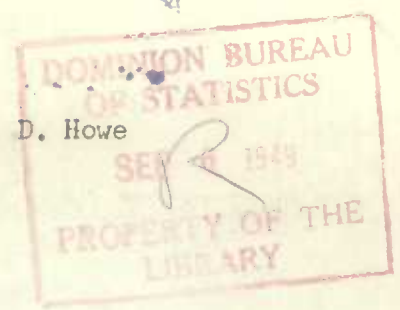
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PRICE MOVEMENTS, August, 1949 (PRELIMINARY)*

COST OF LIVING: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 162.1 to 162.8 between July 2nd and August 1st, 1949. As during the preceding month, the increase was mainly attributable to higher prices for foods. The index for this series rose 2.0 points to 209.2 reflecting substantially higher prices for eggs, coupled with small advances for pork products. These increases overweighted other foods which were mainly unchanged to lower. The fuel and light index moved from 129.1 to 129.5 due to scattered increases in central Canada for coal and coke. Higher transportation costs at a few centres resulted in a rise of 0.4 points to 128.9 for the miscellaneous index. Two groups were lower; the clothing index declined 0.1 points to 183.2 and the homefurnishings and services the same amount to 167.4. The rent index remained unchanged at 123.4.

From August 1939 to August 1949, the increase in the cost-of-living index was 61.5 percent.

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

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
August 1, 1949	162.8	209.2	123.4	129.5	183.2	167.4	128.9
July 2, 1949	162.1	207.2	123.4	129.1	183.3	167.5	128.5
August 2, 1948	157.5	202.6	120.9	127.7	175.9	161.4	123.4

WHOLESALE PRICES (WEEKLY): A further minor decline occurred in industrial material prices, the composite index for 30 commodities receding 0.4 to 146.2 between the weeks of July 29th and August 26th. Accounting for the decrease were lower prices for steers, hogs and raw cotton which outweighed narrow advances for raw rubber, cottonseed oil and lead. Canadian farm product prices at wholesale dropped from 150.6 to 145.6 between the weeks of July 29th and August 26th due mainly to a decline in field products. The index for this series moved down from 129.8 to 122.5 reflecting in part a drop in coarse grain prices to the initial payment level to farmers, effective August 1st. Potatoes were sharply lower in this section also. Over the same period animal products receded 1.3 points to 184.2 due to decreases for livestock and eggs which overbalanced a firmer tone for hides and skins.

Weekly Wholesale Price Indexes, 1926=100

	Week ended -					Monthly Average		
	July 29th	Aug. 5th	Aug. 12th	Aug. 19th	Aug. 26th	Aug. 1949	July 1949	Aug. 1948
Industrial Materials	146.6	146.9	146.6	146.2	146.2	146.5	145.7	162.6
Canadian Farm Products ...	150.6	146.6	146.0	145.8	145.6	146.0	150.9	151.2

SECURITIES: The Investors' weekly index for 106 common stocks moved up a further 2.2 points to 107.8 between July 28th and August 25th. During the same period the group index for 82 industrial stocks rose from 98.5 to 100.6; 16 utilities from 116.7 to 119.6 and 8 banks from 132.6 to 134.2. Mining stocks registered a firmer tone also, the index for 30 representative issues advancing 3.1 point to 89.1 between July 28th and August 25th. In the same interval the gold series moved up 4.0 points to 75.3 while the index for 5 base metals gained 1.1 to 115.3.

Weekly Security Price Indexes, 1935-39=100

	Week Ended - (1949)					Monthly Average		
	July 28th.	Aug. 4th	Aug. 11th	Aug. 18th	Aug. 25th	Aug. 1949	July 1949	Aug. 1948
<u>INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX</u>								
(106 Common Stocks).....	105.6	106.8	108.9	109.3	107.3	108.2	104.2	113.6
82 Industrials.....	98.5	100.2	102.1	102.2	100.6	101.3	97.4	108.1
16 Utilities.....	116.7	116.7	120.1	121.4	119.6	119.5	114.3	123.2
8 Banks.....	132.6	132.3	133.2	133.6	134.2	133.3	130.7	127.9
<u>MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX</u>								
(30 Stocks).....	86.0	89.6	89.5	90.2	89.1	89.6	84.9	78.7
25 Golds.....	71.3	75.4	74.2	76.4	75.3	75.3	70.6	60.7
5 Base Metals.....	114.2	116.7	119.1	116.2	115.3	116.3	112.3	114.8
<u>DOMINION OF CANADA LONG- TERM BONDS - YIELD INDEX</u>								
	93.4	93.4	93.1	91.5	92.5	92.6	93.8	96.2

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

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