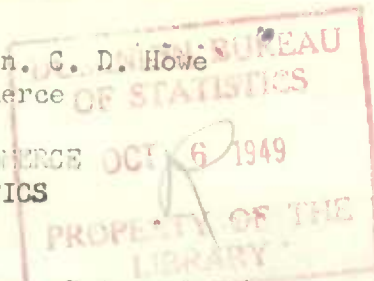


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PRICE MOVEMENTS, SEPTEMBER, 1949 (PRELIMINARY)*

COST OF LIVING: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined from 162.8 to 162.3 between August 1st and September 1st, 1949. As has been the case for several months, the change was due principally to foods, which declined 2.2 points after rising 10.7 points in the preceding four months. The drop in the food index to 207.0 was mainly of a seasonal nature, with declines occurring in vegetables, lamb, beef, pork, eggs and oranges. Of the other sub-group indexes, three advanced fractionally and two were unchanged. The clothing index rose from 183.2 to 183.5, following the appearance of the Fall lines of woollens and footwear while fuel and light advanced 0.6 points to 130.1, as a result of slightly higher prices for coal and coke. Rentals moved from 123.4 to 123.9 reflecting the results of an August survey of urban rents. Homefurnishings and services remained unchanged at 167.4 as did the index of miscellaneous items at 128.9.

From August 1939 to September 1949 the increase in the cost-of-living index was 61.0 percent.

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

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
September 1, 1949	162.3	207.0	123.9	130.1	183.5	167.4	128.9
August 1, 1949	162.8	209.2	123.4	129.5	183.2	167.4	128.9
September 1, 1948	158.9	203.9	121.0	128.5	179.9	164.2	124.4

WHOLESALE PRICES (WEEKLY):
(1926 = 100)

The index of industrial material prices moved up from 146.8 for the week ending August 26 to 148.8 for the week ending September 23. Higher quotations were reported for lead, zinc, copper, iron ore, crude oil, raw rubber and gum rosin, while lumber, hogs and cottonseed oil were somewhat easier. From a peak of 163.2 for the last week of August, 1948, this index moved irregularly until January, but thereafter worked gradually down to a low of 145.7 in the third weekly of July. After the subsequent rise of 3.1 points to 148.8, the industrial material index was still 8.4 percent below the corresponding week of last year. Canadian farm product prices at wholesale moved slightly higher in September rising from 145.6 to 146.0 in the period between August 26 and September 23. Egg prices rose sharply, and rye, corn, onions, hay and hides were moderately higher, but potatoes, livestock and wool declined.

Weekly Wholesale Price Indexes, (1926=100)

	Week ended -					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 26th	Sept. 2nd	Sept. 9th	Sept. 16th	Sept. 23rd	Sept. 1949 4 Weeks	Aug. 1949	Sept. 1948
Industrial Materials	146.8 ^r	147.1	146.8	146.5	148.8	147.3	146.8 ^r	162.7
Canadian Farm Products	145.6	145.6	144.9	145.6	146.0	145.5	146.0	149.5

r Revised

SECURITIES: Most Canadian common stock groups recorded moderate net increases for September, but failed to maintain the full amount of gains recorded at the height of the international monetary crisis. Weakness in textiles and gold issues offered a contrast to the general market behaviour. The Investors' weekly index for 106 common stocks rose 2.7 points to 110.5 between August 25 and September 29. The principal groups were all firmer also, the index for 82 industrials advancing 3.2 points to 103.8; 16 utilities 1.2 to 120.8 and 8 banks 1.5 to 135.8. Mining stock price changes were scattered. The index for 5 base metal issues rose 6.2 points to 121.5 between August 25 and September 29 while a similar index of 25 gold shares weakened 1.7 to 73.6. In the same interval the composite mining stock index moved up 0.7 to 89.8.

Weekly Security Price Indexes, 1935-39 = 100

	Week Ended - (1949)						Monthly Average		
	Aug. 25th	Sept. 1st	Sept. 8th	Sept. 15th	Sept. 22nd	Sept. 29th	Sept. 1949	Aug. 1949	Sept. 1948
<u>INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX</u>									
(106 Common Stocks).....	107.8	108.1	108.9	110.4	110.0	110.5	109.6	108.2	113.4
82 Industrials.....	100.6	100.5	100.9	102.6	103.1	103.8	102.2	101.3	108.2
16 Utilities.....	119.6	122.2	124.4	125.4	120.8	120.8	122.7	119.5	121.2
8 Banks.....	134.2	134.1	134.5	135.8	135.8	135.7	135.2	133.3	128.3
<u>MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX</u>									
(30 Stocks).....	89.1	89.0	90.0	89.0	91.4	89.8	89.9	89.6	80.4
25 Golds.....	75.3	75.0	75.4	74.9	76.0	73.6	75.0	75.3	63.0
5 Base Metals.....	115.3	115.9	118.0	117.3	121.1	121.5	118.8	116.8	115.1
<u>DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS - YIELD INDEX</u>									
	92.5	92.8	93.1	91.8	91.8	90.5	91.8	92.7	96.1

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

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