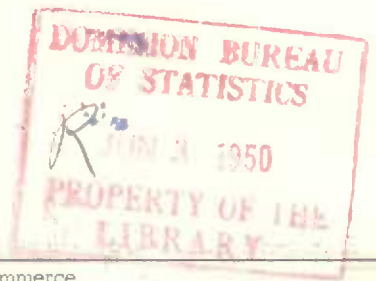


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PRICE MOVEMENTS, MAY 1950, (PRELIMINARY) *

COST-OF-LIVING:- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index remained unchanged at 164.0 between April 1st and May 1st. A slight increase in foods was counterbalanced by decreases in the fuel and light and clothing indexes. The food group advanced 0.1 points to 204.6. A five cent decline in butter, and small decreases in eggs and pork, were not sufficient to offset an average increase of four cents in beef and two cents in coffee. The clothing index registered a decline of 0.4 points to 180.8, reflecting some price reductions in women's wear. Fuel and light moved from 138.0 to 137.5 as decreases in anthracite coal proved more important than advances in electricity rates in certain Ontario centres. The index for electricity rates is still below pre-war levels. The index of homefurnishings and services was unchanged at 166.4 as was the miscellaneous group at 132.3. Rents were not surveyed during May and the index remained at 132.7.

From August 1939 to April 1950, the increase in the cost-of-living index was 62.7%.

DOMINION COST OF LIVING INDEXES (1935-39 = 100)

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home Furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
May 1, 1950	164.0	204.6	132.7	137.5	180.8	166.4	132.3
April 1, 1950	164.0	204.5	132.7	138.0	181.2	166.4	132.3
May 1, 1949	159.5	199.5	122.4	129.1	183.3	168.1	128.4

WHOLESALE PRICES (WEEKLY)
(1926 = 100)

The index of Industrial Material prices rose from 156.6 to 161.4 between the weeks of April 28 and May 26. Higher quotations for white lead, steers, hogs, raw rubber, lead, zinc, copper and tin were mainly responsible for the increase. Declines were noted for sugar and rosin. An advance of 2.0 points to 150.6 for the week ended May 26 was recorded by the wholesale price index of Canadian Farm Products. Field Products moved up from 125.3 for April 28 to 125.9 due to small gains for grains, onions and hay. During the same interval, the Animal Products index gained 4.3 points to 192.0. The increase in this group reflected higher prices for livestock, which have advanced for the seventh consecutive week. Raw wool and hides and skins moved up 4.0 per cent and 3.6 per cent respectively during May

Weekly Wholesale Price Indexes (1926 = 100)

	Week Ended -					Monthly Average		
	April 28th	May 5th	May 12th	May 19th	May 26th	May 1950	April 1950	May 1949
Industrial Materials	156.6	157.5	158.8	160.3	161.4	158.9	156.0	149.9
Canadian Farm Products	148.6	148.9	149.0	149.4	150.6	149.3	148.2	147.6

SECURITIES

The Investors' index for 106 common stocks rose 2.0 points to 128.8 between the weeks of April 27 and May 25. In the same interval the index for 82 industrials rose 2.7 points to 124.4 while 8 banks moved up 1.7 points to 146.5. The index for 16 utilities receded 1.2 points to 130.9 during May. Mining stock prices were slightly easier due mainly to slight decreases for golds. A drop of 0.8 points to 73.9 in the index for 25 gold shares was reflected in a decline of 0.3 to 92.9 for the composite index for 30 mining issues. The index for 5 base metal shares advanced 0.8 to 130.3 between April 27 and May 25.

Weekly Security Price Indexes, 1935-39 = 100

	WEEK ENDED					MONTHLY AVERAGE		
	1950							
	April 27th	May 4th	May 11th	May 18th	May 25th	May 1950	April 1950	May 1949
<u>INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX</u>								
(106 Common Stocks)	126.8	128.0	128.7	129.2	128.8	128.7	125.9	105.3
82 Industrials	121.7	123.0	124.3	125.1	124.4	124.2	120.5	98.8
16 Utilities	132.1	131.8	131.3	130.8	130.9	131.2	132.2	113.5
8 Banks	144.8	147.6	145.5	144.8	146.5	146.1	144.4	132.4
<u>MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX</u>								
(30 Stocks)	93.2	92.5	91.8	91.9	92.9	92.3	93.0	82.5
25 Golds	74.7	74.4	73.0	73.0	73.9	73.6	75.4	69.4
5 Base Metals	129.5	128.2	128.9	129.4	130.3	129.2	127.5	107.5
<u>GOVERNMENT OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS - YIELD INDEX</u>								
	90.5	90.2	90.2	90.2	90.2	90.2	90.7	94.4

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

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PROVINCE		CITY		INDUSTRY		EMPLOYMENT	
NAME	NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME	NO.
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