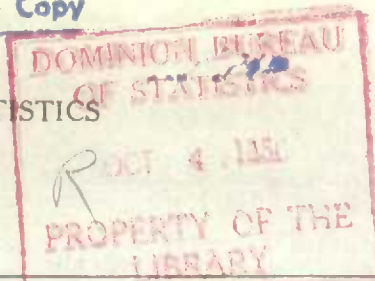




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PRICE MOVEMENTS, SEPTEMBER 1950, (PRELIMINARY) *

COST OF LIVING INDEX:-
(1935-39 = 100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index rose 1.3 points to 169.8 between August 1 and September 1, 1950. This compared with a level of 162.3 for September 1949 and 161.0 for January 1950. In rising from 216.7 to 218.8, the food index accounted for one-half of the increase in the total index. Among individual foods to register increases were beef, pork, lard, coffee, sugar, butter and eggs. Decreases were noted for practically all fresh vegetables. Among other groups, fuel and light rose 2.4 points to 140.8 due to sharply higher prices for coke and a small increase in coal. Advances in furniture, furnishings, cleaning supplies and hardware items moved the homefurnishings and services index 2.2 points to 171.1. The clothing series gained 1.4 points to 182.3 due mainly to increases in men's suits, **topcoats** and shoes, and women's hosiery. Rentals rose 0.6 to 135.5, reflecting the results of an August quarterly survey of tenants. An increase of 0.3 to 132.8 in the miscellaneous index followed a sharp advance in automobile tires, coupled with increases in street car fares at Hamilton and gasoline at Toronto.

From August 1939 to September 1950, the increase in the cost-of-living index was 68.5 percent.

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

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home Furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
September 1, 1950	169.8	218.8	135.5	140.8	182.3	171.1	132.8
August 1, 1950	168.5	216.7	134.9	138.4	180.9	168.9	132.5
September 1, 1949	162.3	207.0	123.9	130.1	183.5	167.4	128.9

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1926 = 100)

The index for 30 industrial material prices recorded a sharp advance during September with most of the increase coming in the latter part of the month. Between the weeks of August 25th and September 22nd, the composite index rose 10.1 points to 186.9. Accounting for the increase were substantially higher prices for a long list of items including fir lumber, steel sheets, white lead, raw rubber, raw cotton, raw wool, steers, linseed oil, cottonseed oil, and base metals. A slight decline was registered for hogs over the same period. The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at wholesale registered a fractional increase during September, rising from 142.5 for the week of August 25 to 142.8 for the week of September 22. Higher prices for Animal Products were partly offset by declines in Field Products. The index for the former series rose 4.6 points to 207.2 during the period under review, reflecting increases in livestock, hides and skins, raw wool and eggs. Field Products fell 2.2 points to 104.4 due mainly to a sharp seasonal drop in potatoes and onions, coupled with declines in grains and hay.

Weekly Wholesale Price Indexes (1926 = 100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 25th	Sept. 1st	Sept. 8th	Sept. 15th	Sept. 22nd	(a) Sept. 1950	Aug. 1950	Sept. 1949
Industrial Materials	176.8	177.7	180.1	187.2	186.9	183.0	174.2	147.7
Canadian Farm Products	142.5	143.0	142.5	142.8	142.8	142.8	142.3	145.6

(a) September 1950 average based on four weeks' indexes

SECURITY INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Prices of common stocks were firmer, on average, in September, the composite index for 106 issues moving up from 140.0 for the week of August 31st to 143.0 for the week of September 28th. The low for the month was 137.1 touched on the 7th. Among groups, utilities were strongest, the index for this series advancing 5.4 points to 140.3. The index for 8 banks rose 3.6 points to 149.6 while a similar index for 82 industrials stiffened 2.4 points to 140.6. Mining stocks followed the trend of industrials and utilities, the composite index for 30 representative issues advancing 3.4 points to 91.8 between August 31st and September 28th. Both base metals and golds were firmer, the index for the former series moving up 4.8 points to 146.2 and that for the latter 2.6 points to 64.9.

Weekly Security Price Indexes, 1935-39 = 100

	Week Ended 1950					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 31st	Sept. 7th	Sept. 14th	Sept. 21st	Sept. 28th	Sept. 1950	Aug. 1950	Sept. 1949
<u>INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX</u>								
(106 Common Stocks)	140.0	137.1	142.7	143.3	143.0	141.5	135.7	109.6
82 Industrials	138.2	134.6	140.5	141.5	140.6	139.3	133.0	102.2
16 Utilities	134.9	134.1	139.7	138.6	140.3	133.2	133.6	122.7
8 Banks.....	146.0	147.2	147.3	148.8	149.6	148.4	145.7	135.2
<u>MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX</u>								
(30 Stocks)	88.4	86.9	90.8	90.3	91.8	90.0	86.9	89.9
25 Golds	62.3	60.6	62.4	62.9	64.9	62.7	61.6	75.0
5 Base Metals	141.4	140.0	143.3	145.7	146.2	145.1	138.2	118.8
<u>GOVERNMENT OF CANADA LONG- TERMS BONDS - YIELD INDEX</u>	90.5	90.2	89.9	89.6	89.6	89.8	90.5	91.8

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

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