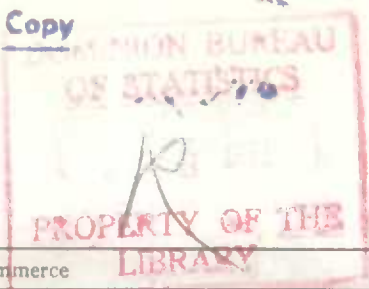




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PRICE MOVEMENTS, NOVEMBER 1952

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
(1949 = 100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics Consumer Price Index increased 0.1 per cent to 116.1 between October 1 and November 1 to mark the sixth month of a plateau during which the index has not moved more than 0.1 per cent. Only fractional changes were recorded by any of the group indexes between October 1 and November 1, with two advancing and three declining. Foods showed the largest change in advancing 0.5 per cent to 115.7. Lower prices were recorded for grapefruit, beef and lamb, while butter, lard, eggs, oranges, and most fresh vegetables advanced in price. Seasonal consumption of fats, eggs, winter vegetables and some meats was somewhat higher than during October, while the reverse was the case for bananas, lettuce, tomatoes and pre-cooked meats. The clothing index declined 0.1 per cent to 109.8 as decreases in men's overcoats and boys' parkas were partially offset by slightly higher prices for men's oxfords and women's overshoes. Household operation decreased from 116.2 to 115.9 following lower quotations for fuel oil, carpets and household textiles. Scattered small increases advanced the index of other commodities and services from 116.4 to 116.6. The shelter component moved down 0.1 per cent to 121.4 as a result of a small decrease in the home-owner replacement index.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949 = 100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
November 1, 1952	116.1	115.7	121.4	109.8	115.9	116.6
October 1, 1952	116.0	115.1	121.5	109.9	116.2	116.4
November 1, 1951	117.9	122.5	118.2	114.5	115.9	114.8

COST OF LIVING INDEX  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Between October 1 and November 1 the Cost-of-Living Index decreased 0.1 per cent from 185.0 to 184.8.

COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES (1935-1939 = 100)

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home Furnishings & Services	Miscellaneous
November 1, 1952	184.8	229.0	148.9	151.1	205.5	195.5	148.8
October 1, 1952	185.0	229.3	148.9	150.9	206.7	195.9	148.5
November 1, 1951	191.2	250.2	144.8	150.8	214.6	199.9	144.9

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Industrial material commodity prices at wholesale registered moderate strength in November

as indicated by an advance in the weekly index for 30 prices from 238.1 to 241.6 between October 31 and November 28. Among commodities recording price increases were the following: raw rubber, beef hides, raw wool, lead, zinc, tin, steers, western oats and wheat, and wood pulp. The two latter items, which are priced on an export basis, reflect the fact that the Canadian dollar is not as strong as a month ago. Slightly weaker quotations were noted for white lead, rosin and raw cotton in November. Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets declined from 222.8 to 222.1 between October 31 and November 28 reflecting weakness in field products. The index for field products moved from 181.2 to 178.0 in the same interval due to lower prices for eastern potatoes, eastern grains and tobacco which outweighed strength in western potatoes and western hay. An advance in the animal products series from 264.4 to 266.1 reflected strength in prices of steers, lambs, fowl, raw wool and eastern milk sold for cheese manufacture. These overbalanced a sharp drop in eggs.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-1939 = 100)

	1952 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 31st	Nov. 7th	Nov. 14th	Nov. 21st	Nov. 28th	Nov. 1951	Oct. 1952	Nov.(P) 1952
<b>Industrial Materials .....</b>	238.1	240.2	241.8	241.2	241.6	287.5	239.7	241.2
<b>Canadian Farm Products .....</b>	222.8	224.0	224.3	222.4	222.1	264.9	221.3	223.2

(P) Preliminary

SECURITY INDEXES:  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Indexes of common stock prices were higher in November and the Investors' composite index for 105 represen-

tative issues advanced from 163.7 for October 30th to 169.3 for November 27th. All major groups, except banks which declined from 153.7 to 151.9, were firmer. The index for 82 industrials moved up from 165.1 to 171.8 while that for 15 utilities increased from 161.6 to 166.1. A stronger undertone developed for mining stocks also, the composite index for 30 issues moving up from 98.5 to 102.0. Among sub-group changes the index for 5 base metals advanced from 165.0 to 170.2 while a similar series for 25 golds increased from 69.4 to 72.2.

## Weekly Security Price Indexes, 1935-1939=100

	1952 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 30th	Nov. 6th	Nov. 13th	Nov. 20th	Nov. 27th	Nov. 1951	Oct. 1952	Nov. 1952
<b>Investors' Price Index</b>								
105 Common Stocks .....	163.7	166.4	165.8	167.8	169.3	174.0	163.6	167.3
82 Industrials .....	165.1	168.0	167.4	169.8	171.8	178.8	164.9	169.2
15 Utilities .....	161.6	164.7	163.8	165.9	166.1	167.2	162.1	165.1
8 Banks .....	153.7	154.2	153.6	151.9	151.9	141.0	153.7	152.9
<b>Mining Stock Price Index</b>								
30 Stocks .....	98.5	100.3	101.3	99.5	102.0	102.4	99.1	100.8
25 Golds .....	69.4	70.9	71.4	69.9	72.2	71.9	69.5	71.1
5 Base Metals .....	165.0	167.7	169.9	167.3	170.2	172.3	166.9	168.8
<b>Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index (1)</b>								
	118.1	117.8	117.8	117.8	117.8	107.8	118.6	117.8

(1) Yield Indexes based on rates as of Wednesday of each week

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