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Price \$1.00 annually; 10 cents eachPRICE MOVEMENTS, JUNE 1952 (PRELIMINARY)*COST-OF-LIVING INDEX
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced 0.6 points or 0.3 per cent to 187.3 between May 1st and June 2nd, to mark the first upward movement in the index since January. Increases in the indexes of food and rent were sufficient to overbalance decreases in clothing, fuel and light, and homefurnishings and services. Excluding potatoes, food prices were down on average, but an exceptionally large increase of nearly thirteen cents per ten pounds of potatoes, combined with higher prices for most other fresh vegetables and fresh pork, was sufficient to raise the food index from 235.3 to 237.0. Among other foods, decreases were registered for beef, butter, bacon, coffee, and oranges. The homefurnishings and services index declined from 198.2 to 197.2 reflecting lower prices for electrical equipment, furniture and floor coverings which outweighed higher laundry charges. A decrease in the clothing series from 210.1 to 209.3 was largely due to reductions in women's nylon hosiery and men's sweaters, pyjamas, and socks. Further seasonal decreases in coal and coke lowered the fuel and light index from 150.6 to 149.8 while the miscellaneous items index remained unchanged at 147.4. Reflecting the results of a June survey, the rent index advanced from 146.3 to 147.9.

From August 1939 to June 1952 the percentage increase in the total index was 85.8.

Dominion Cost of Living Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home Furnishings & Services	Miscellaneous
June 2, 1952	187.3	237.0	147.9	149.8	209.3	197.2	147.4
May 1, 1952	186.7	235.3	146.3	150.6	210.1	198.2	147.4
June 1, 1951	184.1	239.8	139.8	146.2	202.5	197.1	141.0

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

The index for 30 industrial material prices

declined moderately between May 30th and June 27th from 250.5 to 249.4. Among commodity changes scattered decreases occurred for wheat, raw sugar, beef hides, sisal and zinc. These overbalanced advances for oats, steers, raw rubber, raw cotton, raw wool, lead and copper. Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets receded from 250.6 to 248.9 between the same dates, due to a drop in field products which outweighed an advance in animal products. The index for field products dropped from 231.2 to 221.8, reflecting substantial reverses in potatoes coupled with a slight decrease for hay. Firmer prices for livestock, eggs and raw wool moved the animal products index from 269.9 to 276.0.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 =100)

	1952 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 30th	June 6th	June 13th	June 20th	June 27th	June 1951	May 1952	June (P) 1952
Industrial Materials	250.5	248.0	248.2	248.1	249.4	304.0	251.0	248.4
Canadian Farm Products	250.6	252.2	251.0	248.0	248.9	272.6	244.3	250.0

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SECURITY INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices presented a firmer tone in June and the composite index for 105 issues advanced from 168.7 for the week of

May 29th to 172.0 for June 26th. In the same interval the index for 82 industrials moved up from 172.1 to 175.1, while that for 15 utilities changed from 165.3 to 167.7 and 8 banks from 142.6 to 150.0. Mining stock prices stiffened from 101.1 to 102.5, due to an advance in base metal issues. The index for this series moved up from 159.7 to 164.2 between May 29th and June 26th, while a similar index for 25 representative golds registered no net change at 75.5.

Weekly Security Price Indexes, 1935-1939=100

	1952 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 29th	June 5th	June 12th	June 19th	June 26th	June 1951	May 1952	June 1952
Investors' Price Index								
105 Common Stocks	168.7	171.2	172.2	170.8	172.0	160.7	169.0	171.6
82 Industrials	172.1	174.9	175.5	173.7	175.1	164.4	172.4	174.8
15 Utilities	165.3	167.4	168.5	168.8	167.7	153.0	166.2	168.1
8 Banks	142.6	143.0	146.8	146.6	150.0	141.1	141.2	146.6
Mining Stock Price Index								
30 Stocks	101.1	101.7	102.4	101.3	102.5	90.6	101.4	102.0
25 Golds	75.5	75.8	75.5	75.1	75.5	63.7	75.1	75.5
5 Base Metals	159.7	161.0	163.9	161.4	164.2	152.3	161.6	162.6
Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index (1)								
	111.9	112.9	113.2	114.9	114.9	105.3	112.6	114.0

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

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

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