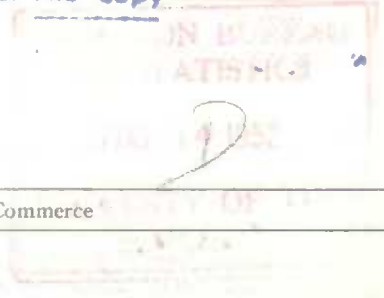




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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JULY 1952 (PRELIMINARY)*

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

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index increased 0.4 per cent or 0.7 points between June 2nd and July 2nd, to reach 188.0. This marked an increase in two months of 0.7 per cent, following a decrease of 2.5 per cent during the previous four months, and placed the index slightly above the level of July 1951. The latest increase was entirely attributable to foods, with other group indexes remaining unchanged or decreasing slightly. The food index advanced from 237.0 to 239.5 as a substantial seasonal increase in eggs, coupled with higher prices for beef, lamb and pork, outweighed decreases in fresh fruits and vegetables. The index of clothing prices decreased from 209.3 to 209.1 following minor declines throughout the clothing group. Home-furnishings and services moved down from 197.2 to 196.7 as a result of declines concentrated in floor coverings and electrical goods. The fuel and light index remained unchanged at 149.8, as did the index of miscellaneous items at 147.4. Rents were not surveyed during July and this index was also unchanged at 147.9.

From August 1939 to July 2, 1952, the percentage increase in the total index was 86.5.

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

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home Furnishings & Services	Miscellaneous
July 2, 1952	188.0	239.5	147.9	149.8	209.1	196.7	147.4
June 2, 1952	187.3	237.0	147.9	149.8	209.3	197.2	147.4
July 2, 1951	187.6	249.7	139.8	147.2	202.9	197.4	142.2

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

The index for 30 industrial material prices registered a further decline between June 27th and July 25th from 249.4 to 247.7 following decreases for wood pulp, raw rubber, raw cotton, zinc, wheat and steers. These outweighed advances in western oats, domestic raw wool, beef hides, and white lead. Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets declined from 248.9 to 243.5 between June 27th and July 25th. Decreases were concentrated mainly in field products where declines for potatoes and grains lowered the index from 221.8 to 212.2. Slightly easier prices for livestock outweighed advances in raw wool and eggs to lower the animal products index from 276.0 to 274.8.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 =100)

	1952 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 27th	July 4th	July 11th	July 18th	July 25th	July 1951	June 1952	July (P) 1952
Industrial Materials	249.4	247.6	248.1	247.8	247.7	297.0	248.5	247.8
Canadian Farm Products	248.9	245.5	247.9	243.3	243.5	277.1	249.5	245.0

(P) Preliminary

SECURITY INDEXES: (1935-1939 = 100) Common stock prices continued upward in July and the composite index for 105 common stocks moved from 172.0 for the week of June 26th to 175.0 for the week of July 24th. Among group changes the index for 82 industrials advanced from 175.1 to 178.6 while that for 15 utilities stiffened from 167.7 to 169.5 and the series for 8 banks from 150.0 to 151.4. Mining stocks were firmer also, the composite index for 30 representative issues increasing from 102.5 for June 26th to 109.1 for July 24th. The index for 5 base metals advanced from 164.2 to 182.8 in the same interval while the corresponding index for 25 gold stocks moved up from 75.5 to 76.9.

Weekly Security Price Indexes, 1935-1939=100

	1952 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 26th	July 3rd	July 10th	July 17th	July 24th	July 1951	June 1952	July (P) 1952
Investors' Price Index								
105 Common Stocks	172.0	174.2	172.7	174.1	175.0	162.0	171.6	174.0
82 Industrials	175.1	177.7	176.6	177.8	178.6	165.8	174.8	177.7
15 Utilities	167.7	169.8	166.3	168.4	169.5	155.4	168.1	168.5
8 Banks	150.0	149.4	147.8	149.5	151.4	140.0	146.6	149.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
30 Stocks	102.5	103.8	104.1	107.6	109.1	92.7	102.0	106.2
25 Golds	75.5	76.6	76.1	77.3	76.9	65.5	75.5	76.7
5 Base Metals	164.2	166.1	168.2	177.1	182.8	155.0	162.6	173.6
Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index (1)								
	114.9	116.2	116.8	117.5	117.8	104.7	114.0	117.1

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

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

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