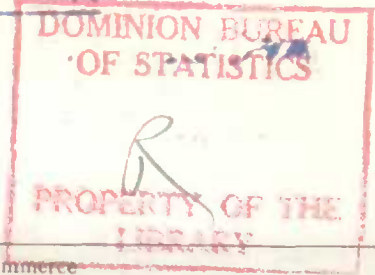




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PRICE MOVEMENTS, SEPTEMBER 1952 (PRELIMINARY)\*

COST-OF-LIVING INDEX (1935-1939 = 100) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index, registering its second consecutive monthly decline, moved down 1.1 points or 0.6 per cent to 186.5 for September 2nd, as against 187.6 for August 1st. The decrease was due almost entirely to lower foods, although clothing and homefurnishings prices were down slightly. The food index moved from 238.0 to 234.2, reflecting reductions in almost all meat cuts, seasonal decreases in fresh vegetables, particularly potatoes, as well as declines in oranges, lemons and sugar. Butter and eggs were slightly firmer. A decrease in the clothing series from 208.6 to 207.7 was mostly due to lower quotations for men's woollen apparel and woollen piece goods. In the homefurnishings and services series a further decline in woollen rugs and lower quotations for cotton sheets and electrical goods resulted in an index change from 196.0 to 195.8. Fuel and light advanced from 150.1 to 150.3, reflecting continued seasonal strength in coal prices, while the miscellaneous items index remained unchanged at 147.8. The rent index increased from 147.9 to 148.9 reflecting the results of an August survey.

From August 1939 to September 2, 1952 the percentage increase in the total index was 85.0.

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

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home Furnishings & Services	Miscellaneous
September 2, 1952	186.5	234.2	148.9	150.3	207.7	195.8	147.8
August 1, 1952	187.6	238.0	147.9	150.1	208.6	196.0	147.8
September 1, 1951	189.8	251.1	142.7	149.5	206.9	199.1	144.0

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

The index for 30 industrial material prices declined again in September to reach 239.7 by the 26th, as against 241.0 on August 29th. Decreases, which were generally small, occurred for western wheat, steers, raw rubber, raw cotton, raw wool, sisal and zinc. Prices for hides, oats and tin advanced slightly. Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets continued to drop, the composite index closing at 219.9 for September 26th, compared with 230.2 for August 29th. Both field and animal products moved down, an index for the former series declining from 189.0 to 177.6 between August 29th and September 26th, due mainly to substantial seasonal decreases for potatoes. Lower prices for livestock, notably steers, eggs and raw wool were reflected in a decline in the animal products series from 271.4 to 262.1 in the same interval.

**Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 =100)**

	1952 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 29th	Sept. 5th	Sept. 12th	Sept. 19th	Sept. 26th	Sept. 1951	Aug. 1952	Sept. (P) 1952
<b>Industrial Materials .....</b>	241.0	241.2	241.5	240.7	239.7	285.8	244.7	240.8
<b>Canadian Farm Products .....</b>	230.2	228.3	227.2	221.2	219.9	260.5	236.2	224.2

(P) Preliminary

SECURITY INDEXES: Common stock prices weakened again in September, following a (1935-1939 = 100) pattern established in the previous month. Between the weeks of August 28th and September 25th the composite index for 105 issues receded from 175.1 to 168.4. During the same interval the group index for 82 industrials dropped from 178.8 to 170.4, while that for 15 utilities moved from 168.2 to 165.5. Bank shares continued to move against the trend, and an index for this series stiffened from 154.2 to 155.1. Mining stock prices worked lower in September also, a composite index for 30 representative issues closing at 104.3 for September 25th against 110.5 for August 28th. Both golds and base metals were weaker, an index for the former series receding from 78.6 to 72.9, while that for the latter changed from 183.4 to 176.1.

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

	1952 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 28th	Sept. 4th	Sept. 11th	Sept. 18th	Sept. 25th	Sept. 1951	Aug. 1952	Sept. 1952
<b>Investors' Price Index</b>								
105 Common Stocks .....	175.1	175.4	172.2	170.2	168.4	179.8	176.0	171.6
82 Industrials .....	178.8	178.9	175.0	172.9	170.4	185.4	179.8	174.3
15 Utilities .....	168.2	168.5	166.7	165.2	165.5	172.3	169.9	166.5
8 Banks .....	154.2	155.6	156.0	154.0	155.1	140.2	152.4	155.2
<b>Mining Stock Price Index</b>								
30 Stocks .....	110.5	110.0	107.2	104.7	104.3	104.0	110.2	106.6
25 Golds .....	78.6	76.7	74.7	73.2	72.9	73.7	77.6	74.4
5 Base Metals .....	183.4	186.3	181.7	176.7	176.1	173.6	184.9	180.2
<b>Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index (1)</b>	119.4	119.4	119.7	119.4	119.7	105.0	119.1	119.6

\* 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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