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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JUNE 1953THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index for June 1st registered an increase of 0.4 per cent to reach 114.9 as compared to the May 1st figure of 114.4. This movement follows a decline dating from last November when the index was 116.1. Higher prices for foods were principally responsible for the change. The food index advanced from 110.1 to 111.4 due to substantially firmer prices for fresh and cured pork, fresh fruits and vegetables, and lesser increases for most other meats, bread and eggs. Butter and canned fruits and vegetables were lower. The shelter component moved up from 122.9 to 123.6 reflecting an increase of 1.0 per cent in rentals while the home-ownership index remained the same. Other group indexes, exhibiting unusual stability, were unchanged at 110.1 for clothing, 116.6 for household operation and 115.1 for other commodities and services. In the household operation group a seasonal reduction in coal was balanced by small increases in homefurnishings, and supplies and services.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949 = 100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
June 1, 1953	114.9	111.4	123.6	110.1	116.6	115.1
May 1, 1953	114.4	110.1	122.9	110.1	116.6	115.1
June 2, 1952	116.0	115.7	120.4	111.8	115.9	115.7

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

The Cost-of-Living Index for June 1st was 184.8, as compared to 183.6 for May 1st.

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

	Combined Index	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Home Furnishings & Services	Miscellaneous
June 1, 1953	184.8	225.7	152.5	152.6	206.4	196.2	149.0
May 1, 1953	183.6	222.8	151.0	153.2	206.3	196.2	149.0
June 2, 1952	187.3	237.0	147.9	149.8	209.3	197.2	147.4

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

Industrial material prices weakened in the third week of June to an index level of 232.7

after standing at 234.2 since the week of May 29th. Scattered losses among commodities were noted for scrap steel, raw rubber, beef hides, tin, domestic raw wool, sisal, steers and raw cotton. On the other hand, a number of items registered a firmer tone, notably crude petroleum, white lead, lead, wheat, iron ore, sulphite pulp and copper. Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets moved to 224.7 for the week of June 12th from 220.9 for May 29th but receded to 217.9 by June 19th. A sharp change in hog prices was a primary factor in the fluctuations of the composite index and was reflected in the animal products index which moved from 271.4 on May 29th to 277.8 on June 12th but dropped to 265.6 by the 19th. Other decreases in this group occurred for steers, calves, raw wool and western butterfat. Eggs and western lambs were higher. Field products were relatively unchanged at 170.2 on June 19th as against 170.4 on May 29th. Most grains were lower as also were western potatoes, while eastern potatoes moved up.

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

	1953 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 29th	June 5th	June 12th	June 19th	June 26th	June 1952	May 1953	June 1953 <sup>(P)</sup>
<b>Industrial Materials</b> .....	234.2	234.2	234.2	232.7	Not	248.3	233.2	Not
<b>Canadian Farm Products</b> .....	220.9	223.0	224.7	217.9	Avail-	257.9	216.9	Avail-
<b>Field</b> .....	170.4	170.5	171.7	170.2	able	244.4	170.6	able
<b>Animal</b> .....	271.4	275.5	277.8	265.6		271.4	263.2	

(P) Preliminary

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices continued to move in a circular manner in June, although monthly average levels generally were moderately lower as compared with May. The Investors' index for 103 common stocks closed at 159.3 for the week of June 25th as against a low point of 155.2 touched in the previous week, and 159.1 for the week of May 28th. The June average was 156.8 as compared with 159.8 for May. Changes in group indexes continued to be selective; among the more important increases being pulp and paper issues, industrial mines, and banks. Decreases were noted for textiles and clothing shares, oils and building material issues. The composite index for 27 mining stocks changed from 92.8 to 91.5 between May 28th and June 25th which compared with a low of 88.6, reached on June 18th. Accounting for the change was a drop in the gold series from 68.3 to 66.4. In the same interval the index for 5 base metals changed from 148.8 to 148.9, after dropping to 140.8 on June 11th.

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

	1953 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 28th	June 4th	June 11th	June 18th	June 25th	June 1952	May 1953	June 1953
<b>Investors' Price Index</b>								
103 Common Stocks .....	159.1	156.9	155.9	155.2	159.3	171.6	159.8	156.8
81 Industrials .....	158.3	155.5	154.1	153.9	158.6	174.8	159.1	155.5
14 Utilities .....	159.2	158.0	157.7	155.9	158.4	168.1	160.4	157.5
8 Banks .....	166.8	168.7	169.4	166.5	169.2	146.6	166.3	168.4
<b>Mining Stock Price Index</b>								
27 Stocks .....	92.8	91.4	89.1	88.6	91.5	102.0	93.8	90.2
22 Golds .....	68.3	68.6	66.5	65.5	66.4	75.5	68.9	66.8
5 Base Metals .....	148.8	143.6	140.8	141.6	148.9	162.6	150.9	143.7
<b>Government of Canada Long-Term</b>								
Bonds - Yield Index <sup>1</sup> .....	119.7	120.1	120.7	120.7	120.7	114.0	119.6	120.6

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

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