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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100) The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged at 116.9 between October 1st and November 1st, 1955. A year ago the index stood at 116.8. During the month under review slight increases in four of the five group indexes were offset by a decrease of 0.4 per cent in the Food index. Foods moved from 113.5 to 113.0, as fractionally lower prices were recorded for all cuts of beef and somewhat larger decreases for all items of pork. Declines were also noted for most fresh and canned fruits, and potatoes, while coffee and most fresh vegetables were higher in price. The Shelter index advanced from 130.2 to 130.6, as a result of advances in both the rent and home-ownership components. Clothing prices were generally stable, but price increases for women's overshoes, men's hats and overalls were sufficient to offset decreases for men's overcoats and some items of children's wear, and the Clothing index moved from 107.8 to 107.9. Higher prices for coal, fuel oil and some kitchenware were mainly responsible for the increase from 116.1 to 116.5 in the Household Operation index. The Other Commodities and Services series was slightly higher at 118.3 on November 1st, compared with 118.1 on October 1st. Increases were fairly general for theatre admissions, men's haircuts and women's hairdressing. Gasoline was lower on average as prices decreased in a number of cities and increased in others.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949 = 100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
November 1, 1955	116.9	113.0	130.6	107.9	116.5	118.3
October 1, 1955	116.9	113.5	130.2	107.8	116.1	118.1
November 1, 1954	116.8	113.4	127.9	108.2	117.2	118.2

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

The weekly composite index for thirty industrial material prices at wholesale

advanced 0.2 per cent between October 28th and November 25th, from 241.7 to 242.2. Higher prices were recorded for beef hides, raw rubber, raw wool, linseed oil, steers, tin, oats, wheat and raw cotton, while declines were registered for sisal, hogs, and raw sugar.

The composite index of Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets stood at 198.0 for the week ending November 25th, for an increase of 0.8 per cent over the October 28th figure of 196.5. Earlier in the month the index had touched a low point of 195.1 (November 10th). In Field Products, the index for which rose 1.2 per cent from 151.9 to 153.7 in the four-week period, prices were sharply increased for potatoes and to a lesser extent for Eastern rye, oats and Western hay. On the other hand declines were reported for Western flax and rye and Ontario corn. The 0.5 per cent advance in the Animal Products index from 241.1 to 242.4 reflected substantial price increases for calves and poultry, coupled with more moderate advances for lambs, raw wool, and Eastern steers, cheesemilk and eggs. In this group prices were lower for hogs on both Eastern and Western markets and for steers and eggs in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1955 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 28th	Nov. 4th	Nov. 10th	Nov. 18th	Nov. 25th	Nov. 1954	Oct. 1955	Nov. ^p 1955
Industrial Materials	241.7	240.5	240.7	241.7	242.2	224.4	240.7	241.3
Canadian Farm Products	196.5	195.9	195.1	196.9	198.0	204.3	196.8	196.5
Field	151.9	152.5	152.7	153.0	153.7	165.5	151.7	153.0
Animal	241.1	239.2	237.5	240.9	242.4	243.1	241.9	240.0

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SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The composite Investors' Index for 100 common stocks advanced 2.9 per cent from 239.6 to 246.6 between

October 27th and November 24th. When compared with the monthly peak of 248.3 touched on the 17th, slight market weakness was evident in the fourth week.

Current levels, however, have cancelled all losses accumulated since the first week of October. All group indexes were higher: 79 Industrials rose 3.4 per cent from 248.1 to 256.5; 14 Utilities 1.0 per cent from 199.3 to 201.2; and 7 Banks 1.9 per cent from 246.9 to 251.6. Increases among sub-groups were led by Building Materials, Machinery and Equipment, and Industrial Mines, while losses were registered for Beverages, Textiles and Clothing, and Communication indexes.

Mining issues were stronger in the period under review.

A gain of 2.0 per cent from 116.7 to 119.0 in the composite index for 27 issues reflected increases of 2.7 per cent for 22 Gold stocks from 69.8 to 71.7, and 1.4 for 5 Base Metals from 224.2 to 227.3.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1955 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 27th	Nov. 3rd	Nov. 10th	Nov. 17th	Nov. 24th	Nov. 1954	Oct. 1955	Nov. 1955
Investors' Price Index								
100 Common Stocks	239.6	242.2	245.5	248.3	246.6	199.5	239.9	245.6
79 Industrials	248.1	251.4	254.8	258.5	256.5	203.0	248.9	255.3
14 Utilities	199.3	200.0	202.5	202.1	201.2	173.8	200.6	201.4
7 Banks	246.9	247.7	251.4	252.4	251.6	224.2	240.0	250.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	116.7	118.8	120.6	119.8	119.0	97.0	117.6	119.6
22 Golds	69.8	70.1	71.3	71.7	71.7	65.6	71.0	71.2
5 Base Metals	224.2	230.2	233.5	230.0	227.3	168.7	224.2	230.2
Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index¹	103.5	102.5	102.5	103.5	108.4	98.8	102.9	104.2 ²

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

2. Average of four weeks.

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