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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.4 per cent from 133.9 to 133.4 between August and September 1963. The September index was 1.8 per cent above the September 1962 index of 131.0. In the current period, a 1.4 per cent drop in the Food index accounted for most of the decline in the All-Items index, with a more moderate decrease occurring in the Health and Personal Care Index. The Housing, Clothing, Transportation, and Recreation and Reading indexes were all at slightly higher levels while the Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

| | Component Weights (1) | 1963 | | | 1962 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------|-------|-----------|
| | | September | August | July | September |
| All-Items | 100 | 133.4 | 133.9 | 133.5 | 131.0 |
| Food | 27 | 131.3 | 133.2 | 132.5 | 126.8 |
| Housing (2) | 32 | 136.5 | 136.3 | 135.9 | 135.2 |
| Clothing | 11 | 116.1 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 113.3 |
| Transportation | 12 | 141.1 | 141.0 | 140.7 | 140.3 |
| Health and Personal Care | 7 | 162.7 | 162.8 | 162.6 | 158.2 |
| Recreation and Reading | 5 | 149.1 | 148.8 | 148.8 | 147.6 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 6 | 118.1 | 118.1 | 118.2 | 118.0 |

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index declined 1.4 per cent from 133.2 to 131.3. Substantial seasonal price decreases occurred for most domestically grown vegetables, apples, grapes and peaches. Sugar prices were sharply lower and price declines were also reported for some cuts of beef and pork, and for lamb. Prices were higher for

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, rose 1.1 per cent in the three-week period August 30th to September 20th. Prices for 7 commodities advanced and 7 declined, while 16 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for raw sugar, linseed oil, oats, raw wool, tin and hogs, and decreases for steers, raw rubber, sisal and raw cotton.

In the same three-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved down 0.6 per cent. The Field Products index declined 0.7 per cent reflecting a sharp decrease for potatoes in Eastern markets which was partly offset by higher prices for rye and hay both East and West, potatoes and flax in the West, and barley, corn, oats and peas in the East. The Animal Products index eased 0.4 per cent as prices declined for lambs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets and for calves and hogs in the East. Higher prices were recorded for eggs both East and West, hogs in the East, and calves and wool in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

| | 1963 Week Ended | | | | | Monthly Indexes | | |
|------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Sept. 27th | Sept. 20th | Sept. 13th | Sept. 6th | Aug. 30th | Sept.(P) 1963 | Aug. 1963 | Sept. 1962 |
| Industrial Materials | A V A I L A B L E | 255.3 | 252.9 | 252.8 | 252.6 | 252.9 | 251.4 | 246.7 |
| Canadian Farm Products | | 224.6 | 224.3 | 224.3 | 225.9 | 224.3 | 227.6 | 231.8 |
| Field | | 164.3 | 163.8 | 164.2 | 165.5 | 163.8 | 169.6 | 165.8 |
| Animal | | 285.0 | 284.8 | 284.4 | 286.2 | 284.8 | 285.6 | 297.8 |
| Regional Indexes: | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Canada | N O T | 238.3 | 237.2 | 237.9 | 240.1 | 237.2 | 243.6 | 247.7 |
| Western Canada | | 210.9 | 211.4 | 210.7 | 211.6 | 211.4 | 211.7 | 216.0 |

1 - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 4.0 per cent from 134.0 to 139.3 in the four-week period August 29th to September 26th. Indexes for all three major components increased with Industrials up 4.5 per cent from 131.8 to 137.7, Utilities up 3.1 per cent from 134.8 to 139.0 and Finance up 2.5 per cent from 143.1 to 146.7. In Industrials, indexes for all thirteen sub-groups increased headed by Chemicals up 9.6 per cent from 120.8 to 132.4, Pulp and Paper up 7.3 per cent from 124.1 to 133.1, and Primary Metals up 6.6 per cent from 94.6 to 100.8. Within Utilities also, indexes for all five sub-groups advanced led by Pipelines up 6.2 per cent from 150.8 to 160.1 and Transportation up 4.3 per cent from 104.7 to 109.2. Both sub-groups in Finance showed gains as Investment and Loan rose 3.9 per cent from 152.8 to 158.7 and Banks moved up 1.7 per cent from 137.9 to 140.2.

The index of Mining stocks advanced 1.7 per cent from 90.6 to 92.1, reflecting an increase of 3.8 per cent from 78.4 to 81.4 for Base Metals which was partly offset by a decrease of 1.2 per cent for Golds from 112.9 to 111.5.

Both supplementary indexes were higher with Primary Oils and Gas up 10.8 per cent from 62.2 to 68.9 and Uraniums up 5.9 per cent from 88.6 to 93.8.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

| | Number of Stocks Priced | 1963 Week Ended | | | | | Monthly Average | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| | | Sept. 26th | Sept. 19th | Sept. 12th | Sept. 5th | Aug. 29th | Sept. 1963 | Aug. 1963 | Sept. 1962 |
| Investors Price Index: | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Index | 108 | 139.3 | 139.0 | 138.1 | 135.6 | 134.0 | 138.0 | 133.2 | 119.6 |
| Industrials | 76 | 137.7 | 137.3 | 135.9 | 133.0 | 131.8 | 136.0 | 130.7 | 117.6 |
| Utilities | 18 | 139.0 | 138.7 | 138.7 | 136.8 | 134.8 | 138.3 | 134.7 | 118.1 |
| Finance ¹ | 14 | 146.7 | 147.2 | 147.4 | 145.7 | 143.1 | 146.8 | 142.8 | 130.9 |
| Banks | 6 | 140.2 | 140.2 | 140.9 | 138.2 | 137.9 | 139.9 | 136.6 | 125.0 |
| Mining Stock Price Index: | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Index | 24 | 92.1 | 92.7 | 91.0 | 91.3 | 90.6 | 91.8 | 90.6 | 92.3 |
| Golds | 16 | 111.5 | 114.1 | 111.4 | 114.2 | 112.9 | 112.8 | 111.8 | 114.0 |
| Base Metals | 8 | 81.4 | 81.0 | 79.8 | 78.7 | 78.4 | 80.2 | 79.0 | 80.4 |
| Supplementary Indexes: | | | | | | | | | |
| Uraniums | 6 | 93.8 | 93.9 | 92.3 | 91.9 | 88.6 | 93.0 | 89.7 | 76.6 |
| Primary Oils and Gas | 7 | 68.9 | 69.0 | 64.9 | 63.2 | 62.2 | 66.5 | 62.8 | 59.8 |

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.



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(1949=100)

eggs, fats, canned vegetables and juices and a variety of meats.

The Housing index rose 0.1 per cent from 136.3 to 136.5 as a result of increases in both the shelter and household operation components. In shelter, both the rent and home-ownership indexes were higher. In household operation, higher prices were reported for coal, furniture, floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment, and a number of household supplies.

The Clothing index increased 0.2 per cent from 115.9 to 116.1 as higher prices for men's and children's wear, footwear and clothing services offset lower prices for women's wear and piece goods.

The Transportation index edged up 0.1 per cent from 141.0 to 141.1, reflecting higher automobile operation prices, including gasoline, motor oil, fender repairs and brake relining. September prices for 1963 passenger cars were somewhat below August price levels. Prices were also lower for tires, muffler replacement and batteries.

The Health and Personal Care index declined 0.1 per cent from 162.8 to 162.7, reflecting lower prices for some personal care items.

The Recreation and Reading index rose 0.2 per cent from 148.8 to 149.1. Higher prices for bicycles more than balanced price declines for television repairs in the recreation component. Higher magazine prices moved the reading component.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 118.1.

NOTE

For comprehensive detail on these and other price statistics, see Prices and Price Indexes (Monthly), Catalogue No. 62-002.

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