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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada increased 0.2 per cent to 135.9 at the beginning of November 1964, from 135.6 in October. The November index was 1.4 per cent higher than the November 1963 index. Six of the seven main components increased in the current period, with the Transportation component unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		November	October	September	November
All-Items	100	135.9	135.6	135.6	134.0
Food	27	132.0	131.0	132.7	130.8
Housing (2)	32	139.3	139.2	138.9	136.9
Clothing	11	120.9	120.7	119.4	118.7
Transportation	12	141.4	141.4	141.6	141.2
Health and Personal Care	7	171.1	170.4	167.7	164.8
Recreation and Reading	5	152.3	151.1	150.9	151.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	121.6	121.4	120.2	118.5

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

The Food index was 0.8 per cent higher at 132.0 in November, compared with 131.0 in October. Prices increased for eggs, lard, beef, oranges, potatoes, tomatoes, celery, dairy products, and honey, while lower prices were reported for sugar, grapefruit, bananas, apples, lettuce, cabbage, onions, canned fruit and vegetables, and fresh and cured pork.

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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, eased 0.6 per cent from 261.8 to 260.1 in the four-week period October 30th to November 27th. Prices for 9 commodities declined and 4 advanced, while 17 remained unchanged. Principal changes included decreases for sisal, raw sugar, tin, raw wool and raw rubber, and increases for hogs, steers, beef hides and cottonseed oil.

In the same four-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 1.8 per cent from 213.7 to 217.5. The Field Products Index rose 2.7 per cent from 165.6 to 170.1 reflecting sharp price increases for tobacco and oats and lesser increases for barley, peas, and wheat in Eastern markets and for hay and potatoes in the West. Prices were lower for corn and potatoes in the East. The Animal Products Index increased 1.1 per cent from 261.8 to 264.8 with higher prices for calves, hogs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets and for lambs in the East. Prices declined sharply for eggs on both markets and more moderately for raw wool in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Nov. 27th	Nov. 20th	Nov. 13th	Nov. 6th	Oct. 30th	Nov. (P) 1964	Oct. 1964	Nov. 1963
Industrial Materials	260.1	259.6	260.4	262.2	261.8	260.4	258.9	258.8
Canadian Farm Products	217.5	217.5	215.8	214.4	213.7	215.8	214.7	216.5
Field	170.1	169.8	165.8	166.4	165.6	165.8	163.7	163.1
Animal	264.8	265.3	265.7	262.5	261.8	265.7	265.7	269.8
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	234.2	233.7	229.7	229.1	227.9	229.7	227.4	230.4
Western Canada	200.7	201.4	201.8	199.8	199.5	201.8	202.0	202.6

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes subsequent to July 1963 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 1.0 per cent from 170.5 to 172.2 in the four-week period October 29th to November 26th. Indexes for all three major groups increased as Utilities rose 2.0 per cent from 162.9 to 166.1, Finance moved up 0.9 per cent from 157.5 to 158.9 and Industrial advanced 0.8 per cent from 175.1 to 176.5. Within Utilities, indexes for all five sub-groups advanced led by Gas Distribution up 3.3 per cent from 257.8 to 266.2 and Transportation up 3.2 per cent from 169.5 to 174.9. Both sub-groups in Finance showed gains with Banks up 0.9 per cent from 148.3 to 149.7 and Investment and Loan up 0.8 per cent from 174.7 to 176.1. In Industrials, indexes for ten of the thirteen sub-groups advanced and three declined. Gains were headed by Printing and Publishing up 8.4 per cent from 330.0 to 357.6 and Non-metallic Minerals up 3.9 per cent from 157.6 to 163.8, while losses were led by Pulp and Paper down 5.5 per cent from 176.6 to 166.8.

The index of Mining stock prices declined 0.8 per cent from 111.9 to 111.0, reflecting a decrease of 3.0 per cent for Base Metals from 104.3 to 101.2 and an increase of 2.6 per cent for Golds from 125.7 to 129.0.

Of the two supplementary price indexes, Primary Oils and Gas advanced 6.0 per cent from 83.0 to 88.0 and Uraniums rose 0.9 per cent from 79.1 to 79.8.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Nov. 26th	Nov. 19th	Nov. 12th	Nov. 5th	Oct. 29th	Nov. 1964	Oct. 1964	Nov. 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	107	172.2	174.2	174.4	173.4	170.5	173.6	170.8	137.8
Industrials	73	176.5	178.5	179.0	178.5	175.1	178.1	175.4	136.5
Utilities	20	166.1	167.8	168.8	165.5	162.9	167.0	163.7	137.0
Finance ¹	14	158.9	161.2	159.1	158.8	157.5	159.5	157.3	144.8
Banks	6	149.7	151.3	148.9	149.0	148.3	149.7	147.9	138.2
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	111.0	113.9	115.0	113.5	111.9	113.4	110.5	87.6
Golds	16	129.0	131.6	132.2	128.9	125.7	130.4	125.0	102.0
Base Metals	8	101.2	104.2	105.6	105.1	104.3	104.0	102.6	79.6
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	79.8	80.0	80.5	81.0	79.1	80.3	84.0	89.7
Primary Oils and Gas	7	88.0	89.5	89.5	87.1	83.0	88.5	85.1	66.6

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.



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(1949=100)

The Housing index edged up 0.1 per cent to 139.3 from 139.2 as both the shelter and household operation components increased fractionally. In shelter, home-ownership prices increased slightly while rent was unchanged. In the household operation component, prices were higher for furniture, sheets, and dishes while those for household supplies were mixed.

The Clothing index increased 0.2 per cent to 120.9 from 120.7 in October, reflecting higher prices for some items of men's and children's wear, footwear, and laundry and dry cleaning services. Prices for women's winter wear, and cotton and wool dress material were lower.

The Transportation index was unchanged at 141.4, despite a slight increase in taxi fares in Regina.

The Health and Personal Care index advanced 0.4 per cent to 171.1 from 170.4. Higher prices for prescriptions and other pharmaceutical items were not sufficient to move the health care component but the personal care component advanced as a result of increased prices for personal supplies, men's haircuts, and women's hairdressing.

The Recreation and Reading index rose 0.8 per cent to 152.3 from 151.1. Higher prices for motion picture admissions and camera film outweighed lower prices for bicycles and sports equipment to move the recreation component. The reading component was unchanged.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was 0.2 per cent higher at 121.6 from 121.4. Both the tobacco and alcohol components increased with higher prices for cigarettes and cigarette tobacco in some cities, and higher liquor prices in Manitoba.

NOTE

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

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