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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

Between May and June 1964, the Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 per cent to 135.3 from 135.0. The June index was 1.9 per cent above the June 1963 index of 132.8. In the current period, the increase was chiefly a result of a 1.0 per cent increase in the Food group with lesser increases in the Housing and Clothing components. The Transportation and Recreation and Reading components decreased slightly, while Health and Personal Care and Tobacco and Alcohol were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		June	May	April	June
All-Items	100	135.3	135.0	135.0	132.8
Food	27	132.5	131.2	131.8	129.7
Housing (2)	32	138.4	138.3	137.8	136.0
Clothing	11	119.0	118.7	119.1	116.0
Transportation	12	142.0	142.4	142.8	140.3
Health and Personal Care	7	167.3	167.3	166.5	162.7
Recreation and Reading	5	151.4	151.5	151.0	149.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	120.2	120.2	119.5	117.8

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index advanced 1.0 per cent to 132.5 from 131.2 in May. Price increases were reported for most fresh and canned fruit, fresh vegetables, meats and poultry. Prices were lower for eggs, sugar, oranges, strawberries, and tomatoes.

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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, edged up 0.2 per cent from 259.2 to 259.6 in the three-week period May 29th to June 19th. Prices for five commodities advanced and 3 declined, while 22 remained unchanged. Changes included increases for tin, hogs, linseed oil and raw wool, and decreases for raw sugar, beef hides and raw rubber.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 3.7 per cent from 219.1 to 227.2. The Field Products index rose 5.9 per cent from 170.6 to 180.7 as potato prices showed sharply higher on both Eastern and Western markets, and more moderate increases were reported for rye and barley in the East, and hay in the West. Prices were lower for hay, wheat and peas in the East. The Animal Products index moved up 2.3 per cent from 267.5 to 273.7 reflecting higher prices on both Eastern and Western markets for hogs, eggs and raw wool, and for lambs and steers in the ^{West} East. Showing lower were calves on both markets, and lambs and poultry in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	June 26th	June 19th	June 12th	June 5th	May 29th	June (P) 1964	May 1964	June 1963
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	259.6	259.7	259.3	259.2	259.6	258.7	254.9
Canadian Farm Products		227.2	228.4	224.7	219.1	227.2	219.1	240.1
Field		180.7	182.0	177.8	170.6	180.7	170.8	200.1
Animal		273.7	274.7	271.6	267.5	273.7	267.4	280.1
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	N O T	248.4	250.6	244.6	236.3	248.4	234.7	247.2
Western Canada		205.9	206.2	204.8	201.8	205.9	203.5	233.0

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from 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 0.1 per cent from 161.4 to 161.5 in the four-week period May 28th to June 25th. Among the three major groups, Utilities advanced 0.6 per cent from 153.5 to 154.4, Industrials edged 0.1 per cent from 165.4 to 165.6 and Finance declined 0.7 per cent from 151.6 to 150.6. In Utilities, four of the five sub-groups showed gains led by Gas Distribution up 2.3 per cent from 229.3 to 234.5 and Electric Power up 1.5 per cent from 134.5 to 136.5. Transportation declined 3.8 per cent from 154.1 to 148.3. Within Industrials, six of the thirteen sub-groups advanced, six declined, and one remained unchanged. Gains were headed by Construction up 6.4 per cent from 67.5 to 71.8 and Metal Fabricating up 6.1 per cent from 146.6 to 155.6, while losses were headed by Non-metallic Minerals down 2.4 per cent from 161.9 to 158.0. In Finance, both sub-groups declined with Banks down 1.1 per cent from 142.2 to 140.7 and Investment and Loan down 0.1 per cent from 169.3 to 169.1.

The index of Mining stocks declined 0.6 per cent from 97.5 to 96.9 over the same period, reflecting decreases of 0.7 per cent from 89.9 to 89.3 for Base Metals and 0.4 per cent for Golds from 111.4 to 110.9.

Both supplementary indexes declined with Uraniums down 12.0 per cent from 85.6 to 75.3 and Primary Oils and Gas down 4.6 per cent from 83.4 to 79.6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		June 25th	June 18th	June 11th	June 4th	May 28th	June 1964	May 1964	June 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	111	161.5	161.5	159.7	159.4	161.4	160.5	160.1	139.9
Industrials	77	165.6	164.9	162.8	162.9	165.4	164.0	164.4	137.4
Utilities	20	154.4	155.6	153.9	152.2	153.5	154.0	151.2	139.3
Finance ¹	14	150.6	152.4	152.0	151.6	151.6	151.6	150.6	152.5
Banks	6	140.7	142.7	142.0	141.2	142.2	141.6	142.4	144.9
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	96.9	96.4	96.2	96.0	97.5	96.4	99.0	90.8
Golds	16	110.9	111.6	111.3	111.8	111.4	111.4	109.8	107.6
Base Metals	8	89.3	88.1	88.0	87.3	89.9	88.2	93.1	81.5
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	75.3	75.5	76.3	84.1	85.6	77.8	83.6	96.1
Primary Oils and Gas	7	79.6	79.9	81.1	81.3	83.4	80.5	82.1	64.3

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.



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(1949=100)

The Housing index edged up 0.1 per cent to 138.4 from 138.3. The shelter component moved up as a result of increased rent and higher home-ownership prices. In the household operation component, slightly higher prices for floor coverings and textiles were offset by lower prices for fuel and furniture.

The Clothing index was 0.3 per cent higher at 119.0 from 118.7 as a result of increased prices for men's and children's wear, footwear, piece goods and clothing services.

The Transportation index declined 0.3 per cent to 142.0 from 142.4. The automobile operation component was lower as a result of scattered lower prices for new cars, gasoline and chassis lubrication. In the travel component, decreases in rail and bus fares in Ontario and Quebec moved the index.

The Health and Personal Care index was unchanged from its May level of 167.3.

The Recreation and Reading index was 0.1 per cent lower at 151.4 from 151.5. Lower prices for sports equipment moved the recreation component, while reading was unchanged.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 120.2.

NOTE

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