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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 138.0 at the beginning of May from 137.7 in April. The May index was 2.2 per cent higher than the May 1964 index of 135.0. In the current period, six of the seven main components showed increases, ranging from 0.8 per cent for Food to 0.1 per cent for Housing. The Clothing component declined 0.2 per cent.

## Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1965			1964
		May	April	March	May
All-Items	100	138.0	137.7	137.3	135.0
Food	27	134.5	133.4	133.3	131.2
Housing (2)	32	140.5	140.3	140.2	138.3
Clothing	11	121.0	121.2	120.4	118.7
Transportation	12	146.8	145.9	145.6	142.4
Health and Personal Care	7	175.6	175.0(3)	173.5(3)	167.3
Recreation and Reading	5	154.6	153.5	153.4	151.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	122.5	121.9	121.9	120.2

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
- (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.
- (3) Revision based on an adjustment from October 1964 in the prepaid medical care component resulting from revised weights for group and non-group rates in Quebec and Ontario.

The Food index rose 0.8 per cent to 134.5 from 133.4. Higher prices were reported for a wide variety of items including fresh and frozen fruits, most fresh vegetables, eggs, fats, beef and bacon. Prices were lower for fresh tomatoes and celery, orange juice, veal, chicken and smoked ham.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)<sup>1</sup>  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged 0.8 per cent higher from 259.2 to 261.2 in the four-week period April 30th to May 28th. Prices for ten commodities advanced, five declined and fifteen remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for hogs, copper, steers, tin, linseed oil and beef hides, and decreases for raw sugar, cottonseed oil, raw wool and sisal.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 5.1 per cent from 229.2 to 241.0. The Animal Products index rose 6.4 per cent from 270.6 to 288.0, reflecting higher prices for hogs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets, for lambs and poultry in the East and for calves and cheesemilk in the West. Prices declined for raw wool on both markets, eggs, cheesemilk and calves in the East and lambs in the West. The Field Products index rose 3.3 per cent from 187.8 to 194.0, reflecting sharp increases for potatoes and lesser increases for rye on both markets, corn in the East and flax in the West. Prices were lower for hay on both Eastern and Western markets and for wheat in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1965 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	May 28th	May 21st	May 14th	May 7th	Apr. 30th	May (P) 1965	Apr. 1965	May 1964
Industrial Materials .....	261.2	261.5	260.4	259.8	259.2	260.4	256.6	258.7
Canadian Farm Products .....	241.0	237.1	232.5	228.8	229.2	232.5	228.7	234.4
Field .....	194.0	192.1	188.2	186.3	187.8	188.2	185.4	201.4
Animal .....	288.0	282.0	276.8	271.4	270.6	276.8	272.1	267.4
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada .....	267.1	262.2	255.7	251.1	252.1	255.7	249.0	234.6
Western Canada .....	215.0	212.0	209.3	206.6	206.2	209.3	208.5	234.3

1 - All 1965 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes subsequent to July 1964 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, edged up 0.1 per cent from 181.7 to 181.9 in the four-week period April 29th to May 27th. Among the three major group indexes, Industrials advanced 0.3 per cent from 188.5 to 189.0, Utilities moved up 0.2 per cent from 171.5 to 171.8 and Finance declined 0.9 per cent from 161.7 to 160.2. Within Industrials, indexes for seven sub-groups advanced and six declined. Gains were headed by Retail Trade up 4.3 per cent from 273.6 to 285.3 and Printing and Publishing up 4.0 per cent from 411.3 to 427.8, while losses were led by Metal Fabricating down 7.0 per cent from 152.0 to 144.4 and Pulp and Paper down 5.2 per cent from 172.7 to 163.8. In Utilities, indexes for two of the five sub-groups advanced while three declined. Gas Distribution gained 4.4 per cent from 280.7 to 293.1 and Electric Power advanced 3.3 per cent from 133.6 to 138.0. Losses were headed by Transportation down 4.7 per cent from 208.3 to 198.5. Within Finance, Banks declined 1.9 per cent from 149.1 to 146.3 and Investment and Loan advanced 0.5 per cent from 185.5 to 186.4.

In the same period, the index of Mining stock prices declined 1.5 per cent from 117.4 to 115.6 reflecting decreases of 1.6 per cent for Base Metals from 108.1 to 106.4 and 1.5 per cent for Golds from 134.5 to 132.5.

Of the two supplementary price indexes, Primary Oils and Gas declined 8.1 per cent from 115.1 to 105.8 and Uraniums rose 4.2 per cent from 126.2 to 131.5.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1965 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		May 27th	May 20th	May 13th	May 6th	Apr. 29th	May 1965	Apr. 1965	May 1964
<b>Investors Price Index:</b>									
Total Index .....	114	181.9	184.4	185.0	183.2	181.7	183.6	180.5	160.1
Industrials .....	80	189.0	191.6	191.9	190.0	188.5	190.6	187.5	164.4
Utilities .....	20	171.8	174.6	174.2	172.4	171.5	173.2	169.8	151.2
Finance <sup>1</sup> .....	14	160.2	161.8	164.9	164.0	161.7	162.7	160.4	150.6
Banks .....	6	146.3	148.0	152.3	152.6	149.1	149.8	148.3	142.4
<b>Mining Stock Price Index:</b>									
Total Index .....	24	115.6	116.1	114.7	117.8	117.4	116.0	118.5	99.0
Golds .....	16	132.5	127.6	128.3	132.6	134.5	130.2	136.5	109.8
Base Metals .....	8	106.4	109.8	107.3	109.7	108.1	108.3	108.6	93.1
<b>Supplementary Indexes:</b>									
Uraniums .....	6	131.5	140.3	136.5	131.0	126.2	134.8	118.5	83.6
Primary Oils and Gas .....	6	105.8	106.6	110.3	113.0	115.1	108.9	102.7	82.1

<sup>1</sup> Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.



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(1949=100)

The Housing index edged up 0.1 per cent to 140.5 from 140.3 as a result of increases in both the shelter and household operation components. Both the rent and home-ownership components in shelter were slightly higher. In household operation, price increases for furniture, utensils and supplies outweighed decreases for floor coverings, and cotton and wool textiles.

The Clothing index declined 0.2 per cent to 121.0 from 121.2 as a result of sales in men's and women's wear and cotton piece goods.

The Transportation index advanced 0.6 per cent to 146.8 from 145.9 reflecting increases in train and plane fares, and higher local bus fares in Montreal. In automobile operation, increased prices for gasoline in some cities in eastern and central Canada and higher rates for automobile insurance in Saskatchewan were offset by lower prices for new cars.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.3 per cent to 175.6 from 175.0. The personal care component rose 0.8 per cent as widespread increases were reported for men's haircuts and women's hairdressing, while personal care supplies moved up slightly. Lower prices for prescriptions were offset by increases in other pharmaceutical items in the health care component.

The Recreation and Reading index at 154.6 was 0.7 per cent higher than the April index of 153.5, primarily reflecting increases in motion picture admission in a number of cities. Slightly higher prices were reported for toys and bicycles.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index moved up 0.5 per cent to 122.5 from 121.9. Price increases for cigarettes and cigarette tobacco in two provinces moved the tobacco component. The component for alcoholic beverages was unchanged.

NOTE

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

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