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## PRICE MOVEMENTS

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### THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada increased 0.9 per cent to 150.2 at the beginning of July from 148.8 in June. The July 1967 index was 4.1 per cent higher than the July 1966 level of 144.3. In the current period, all main component indexes except Clothing and Tobacco and Alcohol increased. The Clothing and Tobacco and Alcohol components remained unchanged. Increases in the Food and Housing indexes accounted for close to 70 and 20 per cent respectively of the total rise in the Consumer Price Index.

### Consumer Price Indexes (1949-100)

	Component Weights (1)	1967			1966
		July	June	May	July
All-Items	100	150.2	148.8	148.1	144.3
Food	27	148.5	144.8	143.7	146.0
Housing (2)	32	151.9	151.2	150.5	144.8
Clothing	11	132.5	132.5	131.9	125.2
Transportation	12	158.3	158.2	157.2	151.2
Health and Personal Care	7	191.5	190.7	191.0	181.0
Recreation and Reading	5	167.8	167.1	166.6	159.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	128.1	128.1	127.9	125.1

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

The Food index in July advanced 2.6 per cent to 148.5 in July from 144.8 in June, reflecting much higher prices generally for fresh fruits and vegetables and most meats, particularly grapefruit, grapes, apples, bananas, potatoes,

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

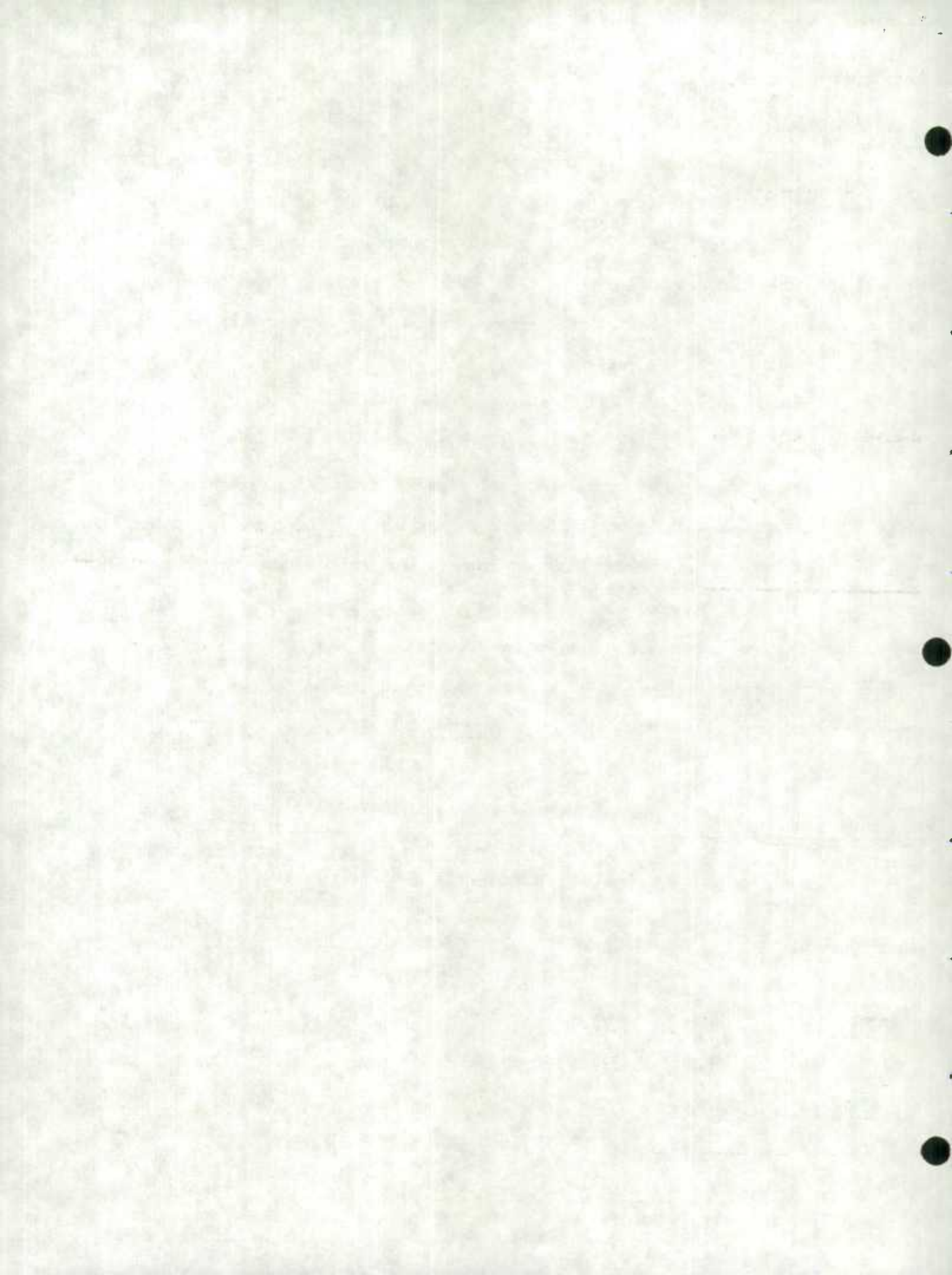
The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, decreased 0.1 per cent to 255.9 from 256.1 in the three-week period June 30th to July 21st. Prices declined for nine commodities, advanced for three and remained unchanged for eighteen. Principal changes included lower prices for sisal, raw sugar, steel scrap, hogs and domestic wheat. Higher prices were shown for linseed oil and steers.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets increased 0.3 per cent to 250.5 from 249.8. The Field Products index moved up 1.6 per cent to 176.0 from 173.3 reflecting higher prices for potatoes and barley on the Eastern market and for flax, rye and hay in the West. Lower prices were shown for oats and corn in the East and potatoes in the West. The Animal Products index decreased 0.4 per cent to 325.1 from 326.3 as a result of lower prices for hogs, calves and raw wool on both markets and for lambs in the West. Increases were shown for eggs on both markets and steers in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1967 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	July 28th	July 21st	July 14th	July 7th	June 30th	July (P) 1967	June 1967	July 1966
Industrial Materials .....	A V A I L A B L E	255.9	255.0	255.2	256.1	255.0	256.7	262.6
Canadian Farm Products .....		250.5	250.1	250.0	249.8	250.1	251.9	261.3
Field .....		176.0	175.2	174.0	173.3	175.2	173.4	209.3
Animal .....		325.1	325.0	326.0	326.3	325.0	330.4	313.2
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada .....	N O T	277.7	277.5	276.9	275.8	277.5	279.2	270.3
Western Canada .....		223.4	222.7	223.2	223.7	222.7	224.6	252.3

1 - All 1967 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes subsequent to July 1966 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.



SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors' Index of common stock prices increased 2.5 per cent to 179.2 from 174.8 in the four-week period June 29th to July 27th. Indexes for all three major groups increased, headed by Industrials up 2.6 per cent to 186.7 from 181.9, closely followed by Utilities up 2.4 per cent to 176.4 from 172.3, and by Finance up 1.8 per cent to 145.5 from 142.9. Within Industrials, indexes for eleven sub-groups increased and two decreased. Gains ranged from 6.1 per cent for Petroleum to 0.1 per cent for Chemicals, the former to 165.0 from 155.5 and the latter to 123.2 from 123.1. Non-Metallic Minerals declined 5.9 per cent to 119.4 from 126.9 and Construction decreased 2.4 per cent to 64.5 from 66.1. In Utilities, indexes for four of the five sub-groups increased. Electric Power advanced 4.7 per cent to 140.6 from 134.3, followed by Gas Distribution up 4.4 per cent to 365.4 from 349.9. Telephone decreased 1.4 per cent to 115.5 from 117.1. In Finance, the Bank index increased 2.9 per cent to 146.5 from 142.4 and the Investment and Loan index eased 0.2 per cent to 143.1 from 143.4.

In the same period, the index of Mining stock prices remained unchanged at 101.0, as Base Metals increased 1.7 per cent to 85.1 from 83.7, and Golds decreased 2.0 per cent to 129.9 from 132.6.

Of the two supplementary price indexes, Primary Oils and Gas advanced 21.9 per cent to 208.4 from 171.0 and Uraniums eased 0.7 per cent to 258.7 from 260.6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1967 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		July 27th	July 20th	July 13th	July 6th	June 29th	July 1967	June 1967	July 1966
<b>Investors Price Index:</b>									
Total Index .....	114	179.2	178.5	177.7	174.7	174.8	177.5	174.5	169.0
Industrials .....	80	186.7	186.2	185.7	182.2	181.9	185.2	181.7	176.2
Utilities .....	20	176.4	175.9	175.0	173.5	172.3	175.2	171.0	165.1
Finance <sup>1</sup> .....	14	145.5	143.6	142.0	139.2	142.9	142.6	143.6	138.4
Banks .....	6	146.5	144.7	142.5	137.7	142.4	142.8	141.3	132.8
<b>Mining Stock Price Index:</b>									
Total Index .....	24	101.0	99.9	98.9	100.2	101.0	100.0	101.3	116.4
Golds .....	13	129.9	125.9	126.7	130.3	132.6	128.2	134.6	140.8
Base Metals .....	11	85.1	85.6	83.6	83.7	83.7	84.5	83.1	103.1
<b>Supplementary Indexes:</b>									
Uraniums .....	6	258.7	261.7	255.9	269.8	260.6	261.5	261.2	214.2
Primary Oils and Gas .....	6	208.4	199.7	185.1	170.0	171.0	190.8	173.6	103.3

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



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lettuce, tomatoes, most beef cuts, bacon, lamb leg roast and wieners. Prices were somewhat higher for dairy products including butter, and for cookies, cake, doughnuts, cereals, macaroni and cake mix. Price decreases were recorded for jam, tea, tea bags, instant and regular coffee, peanut butter, margarine, lard, salad dressing, poultry and eggs.

The Housing index rose 0.5 per cent to 151.9 in July from 151.2 in June, largely as a result of increases in rentals, home-ownership costs and homefurnishings.

The Clothing index was unchanged at 132.5. Increases in women's wear, children's wear and footwear were offset by decreases in the men's wear component.

The Transportation index edged up 0.1 per cent to 158.3 in July from 158.2 in June, reflecting increased prices for gasoline and motor oil in scattered Canadian cities.

The Health and Personal Care index rose 0.4 per cent to 191.5 in July as a result of increased costs of prepaid medical care.

The Recreation and Reading index rose 0.4 per cent to 167.8 in July from 167.1 in June, reflecting increased prices for radios, console televisions, phonograph records, bicycles and newspapers. Decreases were recorded in the price of portable televisions.

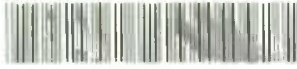
The Tobacco and Alcohol component was unchanged at 128.1.

NOTE

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