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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:  
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada decreased by 0.1 per cent to 150.7 at the beginning of September from 150.9 in August. The September 1967 index was 3.9 per cent above the September 1966 level of 145.1. The decline between August and September was mainly attributable to a 1.8 per cent decrease in food prices. The Health and Personal Care component index also declined fractionally as a result of lower pharmaceutical prices following removal of the federal sales tax. Increases were recorded in the other main component indexes except that for Tobacco and Alcohol which remained unchanged. The Clothing index rose by 1.8 per cent while the indexes for Housing, Transportation and Recreation and Reading advanced only fractionally.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weight (1)	1967			1966
		September	August	July	September
All-Items	100	150.7	150.9	150.2	145.1
Food	27	148.5	151.2	148.5	147.1
Housing (2)	32	152.6	152.2	151.9	145.4
Clothing	11	134.7	132.3	132.5	127.0
Transportation	12	158.4	158.0	158.3	151.2
Health and Personal Care	7	191.4	191.9	191.5	181.3
Recreation and Reading	5	168.7	167.9	167.8	158.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	128.6	128.6	128.1	126.4

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

The Food index in September decreased 1.8 per cent to

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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 252.9 from 253.1 in the three-week period September 1st to September 22nd. Prices declined for nine commodities, advanced for seven and remained unchanged for fourteen. Principal changes included lower prices for raw wool, sisal, linseed oil, wheat, raw cotton and cottonseed oil. Higher prices were shown for beef hides, raw sugar, raw rubber, oats and hogs.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets declined 0.4 per cent to 258.0 from 259.1. The Field Products index moved down 1.3 per cent to 185.8 from 188.2 reflecting lower prices for potatoes on both Eastern and Western markets, and for barley in the East. Higher prices were shown for rye in the West and oats in the East. The Animal Products index advanced 0.1 per cent to 330.3 from 330.1 as a result of higher prices for eggs on both Eastern and Western markets, for lambs and hogs in the East and for fluid milk in the West. Prices were lower for raw wool on both markets and for lambs and hogs in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1967 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Sept. 29th	Sept. 22nd	Sept. 15th	Sept. 8th	Sept. 1st	Sept. (P) 1967	Aug. 1967	Sept. 1966
Industrial Materials .....	A V A I L A B L E	252.9	252.9	252.4	253.1	252.9	252.0	258.8
Canadian Farm Products .....		258.0	258.6	257.9	259.1	258.6	260.4	245.5
Field .....		185.8	186.0	187.1	188.2	186.0	190.9	169.8
Animal .....		330.3	331.2	328.8	330.1	331.2	329.8	321.2
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada .....	N O T	276.1	275.6	275.2	277.7	275.6	281.2	268.9
Western Canada .....		240.0	241.6	240.6	240.5	241.6	239.5	222.1

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.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors' Index of common stock prices rose 1.5 per cent to 181.6 from 179.0 in the four-week period August 31st to September 28th. Among the three major groups, Industrials increased 2.5 per cent to 192.0 from 187.3, Finance decreased 1.5 per cent to 142.5 from 144.6, and Utilities eased 0.9 per cent to 172.7 from 174.3. Within Industrials, indexes for seven sub-groups increased and six decreased. Gains ranged from 7.8 per cent for Industrial Mines to 0.3 per cent for Printing and Publishing, the former to 209.5 from 194.3 and the latter to 739.5 from 737.3. Decreases were led by Textiles and Clothing, down 6.8 per cent to 220.7 from 236.7. In Finance, the Investment and Loan index declined 4.5 per cent to 138.6 from 145.1, while the Bank index edged up 0.1 per cent to 144.2 from 144.1. In Utilities, indexes for two of the five sub-groups decreased. Transportation declined 7.0 per cent to 201.6 from 216.7 and Telephone moved down 3.7 per cent to 110.1 from 114.3. Gas Distribution, being the largest increase, advanced 4.6 per cent to 391.7 from 374.3.

In the same period, the index of Mining stock prices increased 2.8 per cent to 106.0 from 103.1. Base Metals increased 2.9 per cent to 88.6 from 86.1, closely followed by Golds up 2.8 per cent to 137.8 from 134.0.

Of the two supplementary price indexes, Uraniums advanced 17.3 per cent to 288.5 from 246.0 and Primary Oils and Gas decreased 2.2 per cent to 209.3 from 214.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1967 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Sept. 28th	Sept. 21st	Sept. 14th	Sept. 7th	Aug. 31st	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Sept. 1966
<b>Investors Price Index:</b>									
Total Index .....	114	181.6	181.0	181.6	179.9	179.0	181.0	180.8	152.7
Industrials .....	80	192.0	190.5	190.8	188.3	187.3	190.4	189.3	158.1
Utilities .....	20	172.7	172.8	173.8	174.1	174.3	173.4	175.7	151.0
Finance <sup>1</sup> .....	14	142.5	145.2	146.3	146.4	144.6	145.1	146.2	128.0
Banks .....	6	144.2	146.9	147.7	147.5	144.1	146.6	146.9	122.2
<b>Mining Stock Price Index:</b>									
Total Index .....	24	106.0	104.7	105.5	104.2	103.1	105.1	103.9	107.6
Golds .....	13	137.8	134.5	135.5	135.7	134.0	135.9	135.1	134.3
Base Metals .....	11	88.6	88.4	89.1	87.0	86.1	88.3	86.7	93.0
<b>Supplementary Indexes:</b>									
Uraniums .....	6	288.5	279.6	264.9	255.3	246.0	272.1	255.4	188.3
Primary Oils and Gas .....	6	209.3	216.4	219.9	221.0	214.1	216.6	205.9	114.5

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



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148.5 from 151.2 in the preceding month largely as a result of seasonally lower prices for most fresh vegetables and some fresh fruits. Lesser price decreases were recorded for poultry, wieners and lamb. Fresh milk and butter prices remained unchanged while cheese prices increased slightly. The bakery and cereal products sub-component advanced somewhat as a result of higher prices for bread and soda crackers. Slight increases were also recorded in the price of fruit juices, instant coffee and soft drinks. On the other hand, sugar and infants' food prices declined marginally.

The Housing index rose 0.3 per cent to 152.6 in September from 152.2 in August as a result of generally higher rents and home-ownership costs as well as increased prices for most homefurnishings including furniture, floor coverings, household textiles and utensils and equipment.

The Clothing index advanced 1.8 per cent to 134.7 in September from 132.3 in the preceding month. Price rises were greatest in women's wear items which increased, on average, by nearly five per cent. While men's wear, children's wear and footwear prices also advanced, the increases were much less marked, amounting to less than one per cent in each group. Laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repair services were also slightly higher in price in September.

The Transportation index edged up 0.3 per cent to 158.4 in September from 158.0 in August, reflecting generally higher prices for automobile repairs and replacement parts as well as increased bus fares in several major cities.

The Health and Personal Care index declined by 0.3 per cent to 191.4 in September from 191.9 in August. This decrease is entirely attributable to a 3.4 per cent reduction in the average price of pharmaceuticals. Personal care supplies, including toilet soap, toothpaste and cleansing tissues, registered price increases in September.

The Recreation and Reading index advanced 0.5 per cent to 168.7 in September from 167.9 in the preceding month, mainly as the result of price increases in magazine subscriptions and television repairs.

The Tobacco and Alcohol component was unchanged at 128.6.

NOTE

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

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