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INDEX NUMBERS OF SECURITY PRICES, SALES AND VALUES

1926 = 100

"Investor's" and "Trader's" weighted index numbers of security prices computed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the base 1926 = 100 showed only slight changes in the week ending February 16th. They were as follows:

The "Investor's" index of industrial common stocks was 170.7 for the week ended February 16th as compared with 172.3 for the previous week.

The "Trader's" index of prices of the twenty-five best selling industrial and public utility common stocks on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges was 331.5 for the week ending February 16th as compared with 330.1 for the previous week.

The "Investor's" index of domestic public utility common stocks was 134.8 for the week ending February 16th and 134.4 for the previous week.

The "Investor's" index for common stocks of companies located abroad in which Canadians are heavily interested was 141.0 for the week ending February 16th and 142.3 for the previous week.

Average prices were higher for fifteen, lower for nine and unchanged for one of the twenty-five stocks. Brazilian "Old" rose from \$203.8 to \$208.4, Brazilian "New" from \$52.6 to \$53.3, Shawinigan from \$94.7 to \$97.3, National Breweries from \$115.5 to \$119.3, Charles Gurd from \$105.5 to \$110.9 and Southern Canada Power from \$135.1 to \$150.1. International Nickel fell from \$94.6 to \$93.2, Canadian Oil from \$64.4 to \$58.9, Seagrams from \$26.1 to \$24.5 and Page Hersey from \$95.6 to \$89.4.

Sales were smaller for fifteen and greater for ten stocks. International Nickel fell from 99,000 to 46,900, Power Corporation from 24,900 to 4,700, Winnipeg Electric from 15,800 to 5,300, Brazilian "New" from 77,500 to 56,400, Page-Hersey from 12,000 to 1,800, Brazilian "Old" from 26,900 to 22,300, Canadian Oil from 13,000 to 5,400, Massey-Harris from 28,300 to 15,500 and Brompton from 9,300 to 2,000. Shawinigan rose from 14,700 to 29,100, National Breweries from 4,900 to 15,200, Charles Gurd from 3,400 to 7,100 and Consolidated Smelters from 3,000 to 4,400.

Table of Index Numbers

	Investor's Index Number of Common Stocks 80 Industrial, 23 Public Utility Companies Located: In Canada Public: Located Industrial: Utili- ty				Trader's Index Number of the twenty-five best- selling Industrial and Public Utility common stocks Index of Price		Index of Total Value of all Stocks Traded
1926	100	100	100	100	100		100
January, 1927	108.9	108.1	101.9	107.0	111.7		101.5
February	114.1	115.0	106.6	112.8	123.0		114.6
March	117.1	117.9	105.4	114.8	132.3		126.3
April	121.1	120.4	107.2	117.8	146.2		149.6
May	124.6	122.3	106.1	119.6	161.0		167.8
June	121.5	120.3	109.7	118.5	177.3		234.2
July	120.6	121.6	111.0	118.9	174.0		116.0
August	130.7	125.6	117.6	125.8	187.8		118.5
September	146.1	127.1	124.6	134.1	211.3		232.6
October	154.5	129.8	125.1	138.5	236.4		285.1
November	158.2	130.3	130.9	141.4	251.7		211.2
December	161.6	135.8	138.0	146.5	281.4		294.0
January, 1928	172.5	136.2	143.3	152.2	317.2		358.4
Week ending January 5th, 1928	164.3	136.5	139.8	148.2	299.5		208.4
" " " 12th "	166.1	135.7	139.5	148.6	306.6		204.5
" " " 19th "	171.7	135.0	145.6	151.8	317.0		284.0
" " " 26th "	174.7	135.8	145.3	153.3	329.6		423.8
" " February 2nd "	175.5	135.1	143.1	152.9	333.3		291.6
" " " 9th "	172.3	134.4	142.3	151.2	330.1		279.2
" " " 16th "	170.7	134.8	141.0	150.4	331.5		204.2

Purpose of Trader's and Investor's Index Number

The Investor's index numbers measure the trend of values for the investor who buys a fixed list of stocks and holds them over a long period.

The Trader's index measures the trend of gains or losses for an "average" trader on the Montreal and Toronto stock exchanges, who buys and sells the leading common stocks in the same proportion as they are traded in the market as a whole, and who turns over his investments every week.

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS

1926 = 100

Note.- The Investors' index measures the trend of values for the investor who buys a fixed list of stocks and holds them over a long period.

INDUSTRIAL.

UTILITY.

COMPANIES ABROAD.

No. of Securities	Total	Iron and Steel	Pulp and Paper	Mill-ing	Oils	Tex-tiles and Cloth-ing	Food and Allied Products	Bever-ages	Miscell-aneous	Total	Trans- port- ation	Telephone and Telegraph	Power and Traet- ion	Total	Indust- rial	Utility	Grand Total
	79	9	9	5	3	9	21	7	16	16	2	2	12	8	1	7	103
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1927																	
Jan.	108.9	108.7	99.1	105.5	111.7	110.5	106.9	95.9	113.5	108.1	105.9	101.0	113.3	101.9	101.2	102.8	107.0
Feb.	114.1	124.2	98.1	115.5	119.7	113.9	111.3	108.6	114.8	115.0	115.3	107.7	116.4	106.6	105.0	108.5	112.8
March	117.1	133.9	98.2	122.2	123.8	116.2	117.8	115.0	115.0	117.9	117.6	107.4	121.1	105.4	98.7	113.4	114.8
April	121.1	146.4	98.6	123.4	122.9	118.9	123.6	116.0	126.1	120.4	115.4	107.8	131.2	107.2	97.2	119.2	117.8
May	124.6	155.8	95.7	123.4	123.2	119.1	125.0	121.2	136.7	122.3	115.4	105.1	137.5	106.1	91.9	123.0	119.6
June	121.5	158.0	94.2	123.1	118.7	115.1	123.0	122.9	132.5	120.3	113.1	107.6	134.7	109.7	91.6	131.3	118.5
July	120.6	154.4	97.4	123.8	120.0	115.9	123.5	124.1	125.8	121.6	117.4	107.7	131.7	111.0	91.6	134.2	118.9
Aug.	130.7	165.0	103.4	126.2	135.0	121.4	129.5	130.3	135.2	125.6	119.4	111.7	138.7	117.6	95.3	144.2	125.8
Sept.	146.1	185.1	112.5	139.6	161.1	131.6	136.9	144.6	143.0	127.1	117.4	108.5	147.0	124.6	100.0	154.1	134.1
Oct.	154.5	187.8	134.7	159.9	168.4	137.1	144.2	147.1	147.7	129.8	124.3	108.5	143.9	125.1	97.8	157.7	138.5
Nov.	158.2	199.1	141.0	171.7	169.6	134.9	149.3	164.8	148.4	130.3	125.1	108.7	144.0	130.9	104.0	163.0	141.4
Dec.	161.6	213.5	135.9	183.7	168.1	136.7	158.0	162.8	159.4	135.8	132.4	112.7	147.0	138.0	110.2	171.3	146.5
Jan. 1928	172.5	224.1	151.6	187.7	173.8	140.3	170.3	165.5	175.4	136.2	132.1	115.5	147.8	143.3	123.2	168.2	152.2
1928																	
Jan. 5th	164.3	215.2	136.4	185.3	168.9	136.7	160.6	163.7	164.6	136.5	135.0	115.0	144.7	139.8	115.1	178.8	148.2
Jan. 12th	166.1	219.0	141.0	183.5	169.5	137.3	162.2	165.0	167.2	135.7	134.4	115.2	143.2	139.5	115.6	177.5	148.6
Jan. 19th	171.7	221.6	150.1	187.5	176.9	139.2	168.2	161.7	172.2	135.0	131.4	115.5	145.4	145.6	127.9	176.6	151.8
Jan. 26th	174.7	225.8	156.4	188.2	175.4	141.0	171.0	166.8	179.2	135.8	130.4	115.3	148.5	145.3	125.7	178.5	153.3
Feb. 2nd	175.5	222.1	160.9	189.5	172.2	141.4	175.4	163.4	183.6	135.1	129.0	115.8	148.2	143.1	121.9	178.1	152.9
Feb. 9th	172.3	217.2	155.4	186.6	170.1	140.1	169.9	159.4	180.1	134.4	126.6	116.4	149.2	142.3	118.4	180.9	151.2
Feb. 16th	170.7	215.2	155.4	181.7	167.2	139.8	168.5	159.7	179.1	134.8	126.7	116.4	150.2	141.0	114.9	182.1	150.4

