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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 marked declines in the week ending February 23rd. They were as follows:

The "Investor's" index of industrial common stocks was 163.3 for the week ending February 23rd as compared with 170.7 for the previous week, a decline of almost $7\frac{1}{2}$ points.

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 314.5 for the week ending February 23rd as compared with 333.8 for the previous week, a drop of over 19 points.

The "Investor's" index of domestic public utility common stocks was 134.1 for the week ending February 23rd as compared with 134.8 for the previous week, a drop of less than one point.

The "Investor's" index for common stocks of companies located abroad in which Canadians are heavily interested was 136.2 for the week ending February 23rd as compared with 141.0 for the previous week.

Average prices were lower for twenty-four and higher for one of the twenty-five stocks. International Nickel fell from \$93.2 to \$82.3, Brazilian "Old" from \$208.4 to \$201.7, Brazilian "New" from \$53.3 to \$51.7, Massey-Harris from \$41.6 to \$38.5, Power Corporation from \$81.6 to \$76.9, Consolidated Smelters from \$282.4 to \$271.3, National Breweries from \$119.3 to \$115.0 and Shawinigan from \$97.3 to \$95.6. Page-Hersey rose from \$89.4 to \$93.5.

Sales were higher for fifteen and lower for ten stocks. International Nickel rose from 46,900 to 163,000, Page Hersey from 1,800 to 14,300, Power Corporation from 4,700 to 12,600, Abitibi from 3,300 to 11,500, Winnipeg Electric from 5,200 to 9,700 and Brazilian "Old" from 22,300 to 23,600. Brazilian "New" fell from 56,400 to 26,700, Charles Gurd from 7,100 to 2,900, National Breweries from 15,100 to 10,100 and Shawinigan from 29,100 to 24,800.

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Table of Index Numbers

	Investor's Index Number of Common Stocks				Trader's Index Number of the twenty-five best- selling Industrial and Public Utility Common Stocks		
	30 Industrial	23 Public Utility	Companies Located in Canada	Companies Located Abroad	All	Index of Total Value of all Stocks Traded	Price
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	335.6x	293.9x	
" " " 9th "	172.3	134.4	142.3	151.2	332.4x	281.5x	
" " " 16th "	170.7	134.8	141.0	150.4	333.8x	205.9x	
" " " 23rd "	163.3	134.1	136.2	146.1	314.5	275.1	

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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 NUMEERS

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.

No. of Securities	INDUSTRIAL									UTILITY				COMPANIES ABROAD			
	Total	Iron and Steel	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products	Beverages	Miscellaneous	Total	Transportation	Telephone and Telegraph	Power and Traction	Total	Industrial	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	188.1	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	183.2	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
Feb. 23rd.	163.3	207.4	150.2	179.9	161.5	135.8	161.9	153.7	167.2	134.1	127.5	115.9	147.3	136.2	109.9	177.1	146.1

