

Published by Authority of Hon. James Malcolm, M.P.
Minister of Trade and Commerce

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS - CANADA
INTERNAL TRADE BRANCH

(Issued February 4th, 1928)

Dominion Statistician:	R.H. Coats, B.A., F.S.S., (Hon.) F.R.S.C.
Chief, Internal Trade Branch:	F.J. Horning, B.A., F.S.S.
Prices' Statistician:	Herbert Marshall, B.A., F.S.S.

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 were as follows last week:-

The "Investor's" index of industrial common stocks was 175.5 last week as compared with 174.7 for the week ending January 26th.

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 333.3 last week as compared with 329.6 for the week ending January 26th.

The "Investor's" index of domestic public utility common stocks was 135.1 last week and 135.8 for the week ending January 26th.

The "Investor's" index for common stocks of companies located abroad in which Canadians are heavily interested was 139.9 last week and 145.3 for the week ending January 26th.

Average prices were higher for seventeen and lower for eight of the twenty-five stocks. Consolidated Smelters rose from \$275.4 to \$284.4, International Nickel from \$96.0 to \$98.3, **Alberta** Pacific Grain from \$63.0 to \$69.2, Brompton from \$62.3 to \$67.2, Abitibi from \$159.3 to \$162.6, Seagrams from \$26.4 to \$28.1 and Laurentide Co. from \$132.3 to \$134.2. Brazilian dropped from \$220.0 to \$206.3, Massey-Harris from \$45.0 to \$43.8 and Dominion Bridge from \$70.2 to \$68.4.

Sales were greater for twelve and lower for thirteen stocks. Steel of Canada rose from 1,000 to 11,300, North Mexico Power from 1,600 to 6,800, Wayagamack from 3,600 to 10,600, Seagrams from 25,300 to 73,900, Shawinigan from 17,000 to 22,000, Asbestos Corporation from 4,400 to 9,600, Brompton from 22,700 to 26,300 and Canadian Power and Paper from 8,000 to 14,100. Massey-Harris fell from 119,600 to 26,700, International Nickel from 103,900 to 70,500, Abitibi from 18,300 to 8,500, Page-Hersey from 22,500 to 7,300, Consolidated Smelters from 26,300 to 10,300, Brazilian from 28,000 to 22,400, Laurentide Co. from 22,000 to 10,900, Winnipeg Electric from 21,800 to 11,700 and Dominion Bridge from 10,800 to 5,300.

4/2/28/GA

Table of Index Numbers

	Investor's Index Number of				Trader's Index Number of	
	Common Stocks				the twenty-five best-	
	80 Industrial, 23 Public Utility				selling Industrial and	
	Companies Located: Com-				Public Utility common	
	in Canada				stocks	
	Public	Located	All		Index	Index of Total
	Industrial	Utility	Abroad		of	Value of all
					Price	Stock Traded
1926	100	100	100	100	100	100
January, 1927	103.9	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	157.8	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
1928						
Week ending January 5th	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	139.9	152.2	333.3	291.6

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.

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010776428