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INVESTORS' AND TRADERS: INDEX NUMBERS OT SECURITY PRICES
$1926=100$
"Investors"" and "Traders": weighted index numbers of security prices. computed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the base $1926=100$, were as follows for the week ending August 4 th.

The "Investors'" index of industrial common stocks was 57.7 for the week ending August 4th, as compared with 55.3 for the previous week.

The "Traders"l index of prices of the twenty-five best selling industrial and public utility common stocks on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges was 361.7 for the week ending August 4 th, as compared with 341.4 for the previous week. x For Dornestic Utilities see below.

The "Investors'" index of common stocks of companies located abroad in which Canadians are heavily interested was 46.4 for the week ending August 4 th, 28 compared with 46.8 for the previous week.

The "Investors'" index for all three groups of common stocks combined was 50.3 for the week ending August $\mathrm{L}: \mathrm{h}$, as compared with 48.8 for the previous week.

Average weekly prices were higher for twenty and lower for five of the twenty-five stocks included in the Traders' Index. International Nickel rose from $\$ 6.5$ to $\$ 7.9$, Consolidated Mining and smelting from $\$ 56.8$ to $\$ 62.4$, C.P.R. from $\$ 14.4$ to $\$ 14.9$, Bell Telephone from $\$ 84.0$ to $\$ 88.9$, Ogilvie from $\$ 101.0$ to $\$ 117.6$, Quebec Power from $\$ 11.6$ to $\$ 13.8$, Shavinigan from $\$ 12.5$ to $\$ 13.3$ and Dominion Bridge fram $\$ 17.5$ to $\$ 18.3$. Brazilian fell fro: $\$ 10.0$ to $\$ 9.7$ and Canada Cement from $\$ 5.5$ to \$5.0.

Sales were lower for nineteen and higher for six stocks. Nontreal Light, Heat and Power declined from 14,700 to 7,900, National Breweries from 11,100 to 3,400. C.P.R. from 17,300 to 11,400, McColl-Frontenac Oll from 8,100 to 1,600 , Brazilian from 10,900 to 6,600 , Bell Telephone from 1,100 to 800 and Shawinigan from 4,900 to 3,100 . International Nickel mounted from 24, 400 to 44,000 , Consolidated Mining and Smelting from 2,400 to 4,300, and British Columbia Power "A" from 400 to 1,100.
$x$ Investors'. Index of domestic utility common stocks was 42.3 for the week ending August 4 th, as compared with 41.0 for the previous week.


## Purpose of Traders' and Investors' Index Numbers

The Investors' 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 Traders' Index measures the trend of gains or losses for a trader on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges, who buys and sells the leading common stocks in the same proportion as they are traded in the market as a whole at the mathematical averago price of the weak and who turns over his investments every weck.
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