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## INVESTORS' AND TRADERS' INDEX NUMBERS OF SECURITY PRICES $1926=100$

The "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 loth.

The "Investors'" index of industrial common stocks was 98.9 for the week ending August 10 th, as compared with 96.7 for the previous week.

The "Traders"l" index of prices of the twenty-five best selling industrial and public utility cormon stocks on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges was 1158.0 for the weak ending August 10th, as compared with 1082.0 for the previous week.

The "Investorsl" index of domestic utility common stocks was 47.3 for the week ending August 10th, as compared with 47.1 for the previous week

The "Investors'" index of common stocks of companies located abroad in which Canadians are heavily interested as 65.6 for the week ending August 10 th, as compared with 65.4 for the previous week.

The "Investors"" index for all three groups of common stocks combined was 72.1 for the week ending August 10 th, as compared with 71.2 for the previous week.

Average weekly prices were higher for fourteen, unchanged for three and lower for eight of the twenty-five stocks included in the Traders! Index. Walkers rose from $\$ 38.5$ to $\$ 44.6$, Intermational Nickel from $\$ 19.4$ to $\$ 20.3$, Canadian Industrial Alcohol "A" from $\$ 18.2$ to $\$ 19.0$, Standard Steel from $\$ 10.6$ to $\$ 12.4$, consolidated Mining and smelting from $\$ 126.1$ to $\$ 130.6$ and Fard "A" from $\$ 14.4$ to $\$ 15.2$. British Columbla Packers fell from $\$ 5.7$ to $\$ 4.9$, Power Corporation from $\$ 11.3$ to $\$ 10.6$ and Massey-Harris from $\$ 6.9$ to $\$ 6.6$.

Sales were lower for twenty-one and higher for four stocks. Walkers declined from 40,400 to 27,400, Canadian Industrial Alcohol "A" from 44,900 to 21,400, Consolidated Mining and Smelting from 3,300 to 800 , Brazilian from 29,500 to 8,800 , International Nickel from 44,100 to 37,200, Loblaw from 4,600 to 1,300, C.P.R. from 7,600 to 5,000 and Ford "A" from 6,300 to 3,900. Power Corporation mounted from 800 to 1,600 and Bruck Silk from 300 to 1,000.


## Purpose of Iraders' 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 average price of the weok and who turns over his investments every week.
$x$ Revised index figures.
$f$ Weekly figures.

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