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## INVESTORS 1 INDEX NUTBERS OF SECURITY PRICES $1926=100$

The "Investors'" weighted indox numbers of security prices, computed by the Dominion Burcau of Statistics on the basc $1926=100$, werc as follows for the weak ending
March 29th.

The "Investors"" index for all three groups of common stocks combined was 94. 9 for the week ending March 29th,as compared with 95.1 for the previous meek.

The "Investors"li index of industrial common stocks was 130.2 for the wook ending March 29th, as compared with 130.1 for the provious wock.

The "Investorsil index of domestic utility common stocks was 58.8 for the week ending March 29th, as compared with 58.8 for the previous meek.

The "Investors" index of comon stocks of companies located abroad in which Canadians are hasvily interested was 90.4 for the weok onding March 29th, as compared with 91.6 for the previous weok.

Average weekly prices were lower for seventeen, unchanged for two and higher for six of the twenty-five best selling stocks on the Montrcal and Toronto Exchanges. Walkers fell from $\$ 45.3$ to $\$ 42.9$, Canadian Industrial Alcohol "A" fram $\$ 15.3$ to $\$ 14.1$, Brazilian from $\$ 11.6$ to $\$ 11.0$, Canadian Industrial Alcohol "B" from $\$ 15.0$ to $\$ 13.3$. Canadian Dredge and Dry Dock from $\$ 25.7$ to $\$ 23.7$. Bruck Silk from $\$ 21.3$ to $\$ 19.3$ and Canada Cement from $\$ 8.4$ to $\$ 7.7$. Intemational Nickel rose from $\$ 26.4$ to $\$ 27.4$, Hollinger from $\$ 16.2$ to $\$ 17.7$, Montreal Light, Heat and Power from $\$ 37.2$ to $\$ 38.4$ and Lioblaw from $\$ 14.3$ to $\$ 15.3$.

Sales were higher for seventeon and lowor for cight stocks. Walkers mountod from 7,700 to 18,500, Intemational Nickel from 54,500 to 62,900, Hollinger from 3,200 to 12,400 , Montreal Light, Heat and Power from 4,200 to 7,200 , Canadian Industrial Alcohol "A" from 6,000 to 12,000, Shawinigan from 3,200 to 6,000, Loblaw from 2,100 to 5,400, Dominion Eridge from 900 to 2,000 and Standard Steol from 1,500 to 4,700. Bruck Silk declined from 8,000 to 1,500, Consolidatod Mining and Smelting from 3,200 to 2,600, National Breweries from 4,300 to 1,300, Ford "A" from 9,700 to 8,200 and Canada Cement from 7,200 to 4,200 .

## INDEX TEIGATING SYSTEM

The following steps are taken to insure that investors' index numbers of security prices indicate correctly the movements of the Canadian market for common stocks:-

1. The price and number of shares in every sale recorded on Moronto and Montreal exchange sheets are used in making weekly averago prices for all stocks included in this index.
2. Weokly averago prices arc woighted in accordance with the amount of stock outstanding. This figure is used rather than amounts traded from week to week, because it gives a broader picture of the sccurity prices structure. Woights basod on stocks traded cmphasize the speculative side of tho market and index formalac which permit the uso of frequontly changing woights oftan producc a sorious bias.
3. As issues grow inactive they aro discarded and not stocks of growing int portance are added.

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