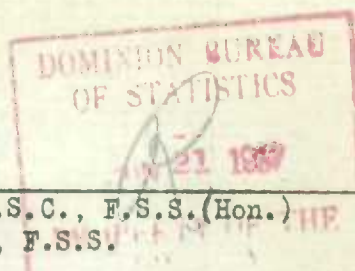


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SECURITY PRICES AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE, JUNE 11-17  
(1926=100)

INDUSTRIAL AND UTILITY COMMON STOCK PRICES

Industrial and utility common stock price averages have moved almost steadily downward between June 8 and 17, until they now stand only slightly above levels in the closing days of April when pronounced weakness depressed prices to the lowest point of the year. The current reaction has been quite general with the milling and textile groups alone being able to register small gains for the week ended June 17. The heaviest losses during this interval occurred on Monday, the 14th, when Canadian markets reflected a sharp break at New York. They remained comparatively firm the following Wednesday, however, when New York established a new low for the current year. The London market was buoyant on that day. The Investors' general price index for industrial, utility and bank common stocks showed a net loss of 2.8 for the week ending June 17, dropping to 128.4. Industrials were down 5.0 to 207.9, utilities were off 1.0 to 63.1, and banks 0.5 to 92.5.

MINING STOCK PRICES

Steady declines in both gold and base metal stocks carried the general price index of 24 mining issues down to new lows for the current year. In fact the gold group dropped to the lowest level touched since October 1935. The recession in golds which has proceeded intermittently since the beginning of last February has been much sharper for speculative than for producing mines. For the latter it has averaged about 25 p.c., while for the speculative group, the figure is close to 50 p.c. The Bureau's general price index for 24 mining stocks declined 7.0 to 133.9 for the week ended June 17, with the gold group down 3.6 to 105.2, and base metals off 13.2 to 252.4.

LONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices, on the base 1926=100, declined from 114.9 for the week ending June 10 to 114.8 for the week ending June 17. After five weeks of advance and one week of hesitancy a reaction finally set in and losses of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  were common. Conversions were weaker as were the 3's of '55 and the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ 's of '46, although the 4's of '52 withstood the pressure and closed unchanged. Particulars of the new Province of Quebec financing were made known in the latter part of the week but as the price was close to the market other Quebec issues were not materially effected. Bonds of the Prairie Provinces declined with Saskatchewan leading in the downward movement, concurrent with reports of serious damage to crops through lack of moisture in the southern sections. British Consols closed the week on a firm note while the Dow-Jones average of 40 high-grade United States bonds was slightly lower.

The index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields rose from 69.3 for the week ending June 10 to 69.4 for the week ending June 17. The average yield of the issues used in this index was 3.32 as compared with 3.13 for the corresponding week of last year.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Moderate quantities of gold were offered on the London market during the second week of June with prices tending to stabilize around \$34.70 per ounce. Attention was diverted from the gold scare however, to the position of the French franc which was shaken by the threat of Government budget difficulties within the next few months. Although spot franc rates were held within narrow limits, 90 day discounts increased sharply from  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to  $23\frac{1}{2}$  points between June 7 and 15. The Bank of France official discount rate was moved up from 4 p.c. to 6 p.c. on June 14, in an effort to check an increasing outflow of capital. New York funds returned to par at Montreal on June 15 after being at a slight premium for several days. Sterling has been firm, moving up briefly above \$4.94, and then reacting only fractionally.



## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PRICE FACTORS

Dates	JUNE						Weekly Average June 11-17	Preceding Weekly Average June 4-10	Corresponding Weekly Average Last Month	Weekly Average A Year Ago
	11	12	14	15	16	17				
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX, 96 COMMON STOCKS	130.7	130.5	128.6	128.6	128.4	128.4	129.0	131.8	131.5	114.3
68 INDUSTRIALS	212.1	211.8	208.4	208.5	208.0	207.9	209.1	214.1	215.5	189.3
Machinery and Equipment (8)	152.4	151.6	148.1	146.9	146.6	145.6	148.0	152.6	147.8	105.9
Pulp and Paper (6)	39.2	39.0	37.5	38.3	37.8	38.0	38.0	40.1	37.0	17.5
Milling (4)	102.7	106.0	106.0	106.1	105.9	105.2	105.0	103.5	107.1	86.3
Oils (4)	220.5	221.3	219.3	219.6	218.8	218.4	219.5	223.4	229.2	229.0
Textiles and Clothing (10)	78.2	78.0	77.8	77.9	78.3	78.2	78.0	77.9	77.1	66.4
Food and Allied Products (13)	179.3	179.8	178.5	178.4	179.6	177.3	178.5	178.9	177.7	149.9
Beverages (7)	134.6	133.4	131.2	132.1	131.1	130.6	132.6	131.4	127.5	128.7
Building Materials (14)	186.7	186.2	184.0	185.3	183.5	183.3	184.7	186.9	184.4	131.4
Industrial Mines (2)	517.6	514.3	502.2	501.4	501.5	502.5	503.7	526.6	524.9	413.7
19 UTILITIES	63.9	63.7	62.9	62.8	63.0	63.1	63.2	64.2	62.4	52.7
Transportation (2)	32.8	32.8	32.1	32.6	32.1	31.3	32.3	33.8	32.2	31.1
Telephone & Telegraph (2)	127.2	126.7	126.3	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.9	127.1	121.1	113.4
Power and Traction (15)	85.2	84.9	83.9	83.3	84.0	84.9	84.3	85.2	83.5	65.4
9 BANKS	92.8	93.2	92.6	92.7	92.4	92.5	92.6	93.0	92.8	77.6
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX, 24 STOCKS	137.5	137.4	134.6	134.9	134.2	133.9	135.0	139.9	139.9	156.9
Gold Stocks (21)	107.5	107.5	105.2	106.1	105.8	105.2	105.9	110.1	109.4	135.2
Base Metals (3)	262.0	261.1	256.3	253.9	251.5	252.4	256.2	264.1	267.2	247.1
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICE INDEX	114.8	114.8	114.8	114.9	114.8	114.6	114.8	114.9	113.8	117.4
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELD INDEX	69.4	69.4	69.4	69.3	69.4	69.8	69.4	69.3	71.3	66.2
FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS* - NOON RATES AT MONTREAL										
Sterling	4.9353	4.9377	4.9380	4.9406	4.9372	4.9378	4.9378	4.9329	4.9348	5.0402
U.S. dollars	1.0003	1.0003	1.0003	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0002	1.0000	.9986	1.0020
French franc	.0445	.0445	.0445	.0445	.0445	.0445	.0445	.0445	.0447	.0660
Belgian belga	.1688	.1688	.1689	.1688	.1688	.1687	.1688	.1684	.1682	.1695
Netherlands florin	.5500	.5501	.5500	.5498	.5498	.5498	.5499	.5498	.5487	.6773
Japanese yen	.2872	.2973	.2872	.2874	.2872	.2871	.2889	.2871	.2875	.2953
Australian pound	3.9482	3.9502	3.9504	3.9525	3.9498	3.9501	3.9502	3.9463	3.9479	4.0322
Argentine peso - free rate	.3046	-	.3046	.3045	.3038	.3030	.3041	.3041	.3028	.2780

x Bank of Canada.

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INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FOUR MINING STOCKS  
(1926=100)

Number of Stocks 1937	Sold 21	Base Metal 3	Total Index 24
x1928 -- High	137.2	322.2	138.6
Low	75.4	105.7	107.3
x1929 -- High	89.7	318.0	127.9
Low	52.7	157.3	72.6
x1930 -- High	66.7	203.1	88.3
Low	53.3	56.4	56.7
x1931 -- High	79.5	108.3	85.4
Low	54.4	49.9	54.8
x1932 -- High	63.1	82.3	64.8
Low	48.5	42.5	46.8
x1933 -- High	111.9	144.1	116.7
Low	64.9	68.2	65.1
x1934 -- High	140.1	167.6	143.3
Low	103.1	125.0	107.3
x1935 -- High	131.2	211.7	136.7
Low	104.7	128.6	114.9
x1936 -- High	136.2	322.1	170.3
Low	118.3	205.5	135.4
<u>1936</u>			
January	124.8	214.8	142.4
February	130.2	230.4	149.8
March	122.7	232.2	144.2
April	122.8	241.1	145.8
May	128.9	239.2	150.3
June	134.4	246.0	156.1
July	134.4	254.1	157.6
August	132.6	264.0	158.1
September	131.2	267.1	157.6
October	126.4	289.4	158.2
November	131.8	312.5	167.0
December	131.3	317.8	167.7
<u>1937</u>			
January	137.5	329.6	174.6
February	139.4	344.8	177.2
March	133.0	340.5	172.6
April	120.0	288.0	154.1
May	111.3	269.3	142.1
<u>Weekly Index Numbers</u>			
Week ending April	22nd		
"	"		
"	"		
"	May		
"	6th		
"	"		
"	"		
"	13th		
"	"		
"	"		
"	20th		
"	"		
"	"		
"	27th		
"	"		
"	June		
"	3rd		
"	"		
"	"		
"	10th		
"	"		
"	"		
"	17th		

x Weekly figures.





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