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SECURITY PRICES AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE, JUNE 17-JUNE 23
(1926=100)

INDUSTRIAL AND UTILITY COMMON STOCK PRICES

Daily price averages for industrial, utility and bank common stocks moved consistently higher during the week ended June 23 with the most prominent gains occurring on June 20 and 21. This substantial advance erased losses of the past month and was accompanied by the heaviest trading volume since the final week of March. Although all sections of the industrial group recorded gains, most strength was apparent in industrial mines, oils, building materials, machinery and equipment and milling issues. Among utilities, Canada Steamship Lines was a feature advancing strongly on more active trading. Power and traction stocks moved higher while communication issues suffered the only decline in the whole list. The Investors' price index for 96 common stocks mounted from 94.7 on June 16 to 101.2 on June 23. Industrials advanced 12.5 points to 166.0, utilities 2.2 to 45.6 and banks 0.4 to 80.8.

MINING STOCK PRICES

Affected by an almost steady decline in the gold issues, the general price index of twenty-four mining stocks closed the week ending June 23 at 144.4 for a net loss of 4.3 points. Trading volume was heavy. Recessions in the gold section offset the substantial advance of the first fortnight in June, with unusual weakness apparent among the seniors issues. The gold index dropped from 123.2 on June 16 to 115.0 on the 23rd. Statements refuting rumours of planned devaluation of the United States dollar appeared to be mainly responsible for declines in the gold group. Moving in line with industrials and supported by higher quotations for metals at London, base metals continued the upward movement started in the final days of May. This index moved from 254.0 to 265.9 between June 16 and 23, reaching its highest level in the past ten months, and being 8.3 points above the preceding 1938 high of 257.6 recorded on February 23. The Bureau's general mining stock price index rose from 146.9 to 147.0 between the weeks of June 16 and 23, with the base metals section rising from 253.7 to 261.8 while golds receded from 121.0 to 119.7.

LONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS

The more buoyant tone of the stock markets was simulated in a lesser degree by domestic bond markets and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices rose from 118.0 for the week ending June 16 to 118.3 for the week ending June 23. Most of the issues used in this index were up 1/4 to 1/2 of a point, with a few showing slightly greater gains. The Bureau's daily index increased from 117.9 on June 16 to 118.1 on the 17th. It continued unchanged on the 18th but an advance to 118.2 on the 20th was followed by a further rise to 118.4 on the 21st, at which point it remained. Provincials were generally firm. Saskatchewan showed the greatest strength and several of these issues have appreciated more than 20 p.c. since the beginning of the month. British Consols at London were 1/16 lower at 74 5/16, while the Dow-Jones average of high-grade United States bonds rose from 83.96 to 86.30. The index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields fell from 62.1 to 61.6 and the average yield was 2.99 as compared with 3.01 for the previous week.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

(Quotations are Montreal noon rates unless otherwise specified)

Devaluation rumours subsided during the third week of June and the London price of gold bullion dropped back well below \$35 per ounce in terms of United States dollars. This ended the decline in New York funds which went as low as \$1.0081 on June 20, and the premium steadied subsequently at one per cent. Sterling reacted from \$5.02 to \$5.0084 and levelled off close to that rate, while French francs held between 2.82 cents and 2.81 cents. Quotations on June 23 of 17.13 cents for the belga and 55.94 cents for the florin were representative of levels in the Belgian and Netherlands currencies for the preceding week.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PRICE FACTORS

Dates	1938 JUNE						Weekly Average	Preceding Weekly Average	Corresponding Weekly Average	Weekly Average A Year Ago
	17	18	20	21	22	23	June 17-23	June 10-16	Last Month	
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX, 96 COMMON STOCKS	94.7	95.0	97.1	99.2	100.0	101.2	99.3	95.1	98.4	128.3
68 INDUSTRIALS	153.7	154.3	158.3	162.2	163.9	166.0	162.5	154.2	161.1	208.1
Machinery and Equipment (8)	104.2	104.0	105.9	111.9	112.4	115.2	106.8	104.7	104.7	145.0
Pulp and Paper (7)	14.0	14.0	14.6	15.9	17.4	17.9	16.7	14.2	14.9	37.3
Milling (3)	83.2	83.4	83.3	85.4	88.5	88.5	87.0	82.5	86.3	102.1
Oils (4)	164.8	164.1	168.6	171.5	171.0	172.4	170.0	163.3	177.5	218.9
Textiles and Clothing (10)	54.0	54.1	55.5	55.6	55.7	55.9	55.5	53.0	54.1	77.9
Food and Allied Products (12)	156.2	156.6	156.6	157.4	158.2	157.8	157.2	153.4	152.2	176.0
Beverages (7)	106.2	105.8	106.4	106.7	108.3	109.2	107.6	106.7	106.6	130.2
Building Materials (15)	120.0	120.1	122.0	125.3	126.6	129.3	126.1	119.3	122.0	179.4
Industrials Mines (2)	361.8	367.5	379.8	393.8	402.4	410.8	398.1	369.7	378.0	507.0
19 UTILITIES	43.3	43.3	44.0	44.9	45.1	45.6	44.8	43.7	43.8	62.6
Transportation (2)	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.9	15.4	16.2	15.3	14.1	14.0	31.8
Telephone and Telegraph (2)	123.7	124.0	123.5	123.8	123.6	122.7	123.6	124.1	124.4	126.9
Power and Traction (15)	58.9	58.8	60.2	61.4	61.5	62.0	60.9	59.4	59.8	83.6
9 BANKS	80.4	80.4	80.4	80.2	80.3	80.8	80.4	80.3	80.8	92.0
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX, 24 STOCKS	148.2	148.3	147.7	146.4	146.4	144.4	147.0	146.9	137.9	130.1
Gold Stocks (21)	122.2	122.5	121.4	118.1	117.6	115.0	119.7	121.0	113.4	103.0
Base Metals (3)	255.3	254.4	255.9	263.2	265.7	265.9	261.8	253.7	237.6	243.4
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICE INDEX	118.1	118.1	118.2	118.4	118.4	118.4	118.3	118.0	118.2	115.0
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELD INDEX	61.8	61.8	61.7	61.4	61.4	61.3	61.6	62.1	61.7	69.1
FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS ^x - NOON RATES AT MONTREAL										
Sterling	5.0155	5.0147	5.0084	5.0110	5.0078	5.0082	5.0109	5.0246	5.0037	4.9440
U.S. dollars	1.0094	1.0088	1.0081	1.0106	1.0106	1.0100	1.0096	1.0115	1.0106	1.0004
French franc	.0282	.0281	.0281	.0281	.0281	.0282	.0281	.0281	.0281	.0446
Belgian belga	.1714	.1715	.1714	.1716	.1714	.1713	.1714	.1718	.1700	.1689
Netherlands florin	.5597	.5597	.5591	.5595	.5596	.5594	.5595	.5607	.5577	.5500
Japanese yen	.2922	.2923	.2920	.2920	.2920	.2917	.2920	.2928	.2916	.2875
Australian pound	4.0124	4.0118	4.0061	4.0087	4.0062	4.0465	4.0153	4.0197	4.0030	3.9532
Argentine peso - free rate	.2634	-	.2636	.2638	.2633	.2636	.2635	.2639	.2635	.3085

^x Bank of Canada.


INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS
(1926=100)

Note: The Investors' Index measures the trend of values for the Investor who buys a fixed list of stocks and holds them over a long period

Number of Securities 1938	I N D U S T R I A L S										U T I L I T I E S					Grand Total
	Total	Machin- ery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products	Bever- ages	Build- ing Mater- ials	Indus- trial Mines	Total	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone Tele- graph	Power and Trac- tion	Banks	
	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	9	96
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
x1929-High	317.6	432.5	113.4	273.4	423.5	113.5	197.8	204.6	281.1	591.3	166.0	164.1	129.6	197.6	131.7	198.3
Low	199.3	184.7	70.9	196.6	251.4	77.5	135.1	84.1	179.1	256.2	126.7	119.0	107.7	134.8	116.7	134.6
x1934-High	133.4	126.5	13.9	79.0	184.1	79.1	136.8	165.8	104.1	242.2	59.8	44.5	98.8	71.8	75.2	83.1
Low	111.8	78.2	7.8	64.3	141.6	60.6	117.0	80.5	79.5	187.0	45.4	28.1	85.0	56.3	64.4	69.5
x1935-High	180.5	130.7	17.3	78.6	231.8	76.6	149.5	165.4	118.0	377.9	52.4	33.4	109.4	67.6	79.8	98.8
Low	123.7	109.1	10.3	54.0	173.1	60.1	123.5	97.1	102.6	193.3	43.5	23.3	92.9	53.2	75.3	75.7
x1936-High	226.1	142.7	31.9	115.4	254.5	76.5	182.9	152.6	192.2	557.3	64.7	37.6	121.7	84.5	89.5	135.5
Low	180.2	102.0	16.5	79.5	216.5	65.6	145.2	122.8	123.6	371.2	50.6	28.1	108.8	63.2	74.5	109.4
x1937-High	245.4	170.2	50.2	128.3	249.7	81.8	191.9	144.2	216.2	631.8	74.5	42.5	129.0	99.9	97.3	149.6
Low	159.7	98.5	16.9	66.4	184.1	64.0	149.6	102.1	124.0	336.2	47.7	18.9	120.0	63.8	78.3	99.0
1937																
January	222.0	156.3	37.2	119.6	229.6	77.3	184.2	141.0	197.0	549.3	68.5	38.7	122.0	91.1	94.4	137.4
February	228.8	163.4	36.7	120.7	235.2	78.5	188.2	139.3	203.5	586.7	73.1	41.8	125.8	97.5	96.7	142.4
March	241.7	168.3	40.2	127.0	247.7	80.2	190.0	141.8	213.4	618.2	71.0	39.6	124.2	94.7	95.9	147.2
April	224.1	157.5	47.1	117.4	230.4	79.9	182.4	133.4	204.8	538.9	64.1	35.0	122.0	85.1	94.0	136.2
May	216.4	151.3	38.5	109.4	229.6	77.5	178.5	128.4	188.4	525.8	63.0	32.8	124.7	84.0	92.7	132.2
June	210.1	148.1	38.2	103.7	220.2	77.7	177.7	131.0	179.6	510.8	63.2	32.3	127.3	84.1	92.3	129.4
July	217.8	148.0	40.5	102.0	222.6	79.7	182.1	136.1	188.7	547.4	63.9	29.7	128.0	88.0	90.2	133.0
August	221.6	151.2	40.4	95.2	223.6	79.5	182.0	136.9	192.7	564.2	65.2	29.9	128.7	90.4	89.9	135.2
September	193.3	122.8	29.3	89.1	205.3	73.3	167.9	118.3	159.4	470.5	57.4	24.8	126.6	78.6	84.9	118.9
1938																
January	177.0	109.6	18.9	87.2	194.9	64.3	158.7	116.1	138.4	422.6	48.4	19.2	125.6	64.4	84.3	107.7
February	177.7	109.3	17.5	88.9	195.2	64.8	159.9	115.0	131.4	425.0	46.8	17.6	123.1	63.1	81.8	107.1
March	164.0	100.7	14.6	76.5	181.2	60.3	152.0	101.3	116.0	387.3	43.1	14.5	120.1	58.2	80.5	99.2
April	160.5	103.2	15.4	75.6	172.0	55.0	151.5	106.0	119.4	386.6	43.7	15.4	117.0	59.7	80.4	97.9
May	163.5	107.2	15.7	85.8	177.2	54.5	153.6	107.5	122.5	389.2	44.5	14.8	122.8	61.0	80.9	99.7
Weekly Index Numbers																
June 24, 1937	208.1	145.0	37.3	102.1	218.9	77.9	176.0	130.2	179.4	507.0	62.6	31.8	126.9	83.6	92.0	128.3
1938																
June 2	156.5	104.0	14.2	81.1	173.3	52.4	151.2	106.9	118.1	362.0	43.4	13.7	123.8	59.2	80.7	96.1
June 9	155.9	104.6	14.6	82.1	169.5	52.3	152.1	107.4	119.5	366.5	43.7	14.3	124.6	59.4	80.2	95.9
June 16	154.2	104.7	14.2	82.5	163.3	53.0	153.4	106.7	119.3	369.7	43.7	14.1	124.1	59.4	80.3	95.1
June 23	162.5	106.8	16.7	87.0	170.0	55.5	157.2	107.6	126.1	398.1	44.8	15.3	123.6	60.9	80.4	99.3

x Weekly Figures.

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