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Although overshadowed by the continued uncertainty of the international situation, Canadian common stock price averages for industrials, utilities and banks mounted from 103.1 for the week ended September 1 to 104.2 for the week of September 8. The recovery movement was irregular and fluctuations were rather narrow. On Wednesday, September 7, a brisk rally occurred and sales volume expanded. However, on September 8, declines were general and the composit $\begin{gathered}\text { nglfity the gain of the previous day, receding to }\end{gathered}$ 104.0. In the industrial section five sub-groups were higher with net increases ranging from 15.6 for industrial mines to 0.6 for pulp and paper. Milling, foods and beverages recorded losses while building materials remained unchanged. In the Utility group, transportation and commuication issues advanced while power stocks declined fractionally. The Investors' price index of 95 common stocks was 704.0 on September 8 as compared with 102.4 on September 1. Industrials rose 3.2 to 171.3 , utilities 0.2 to 45.5 and banks 0.4 to 85.5 .

## MINDNG STOCK PRICES

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics general price index of twenty-four mining issues rose from 153.9 for the week ended September 1 to 155.0 for the week of September 8. The daily average moved regularly higher from 153.5 on the opening session to 156.0 on September 7. Then on the closing day, it reflected uneasiness of world security markets which were affected by the political developments in Central Europe and the index receded to 154.8 . In the gold section, trading was mainly in the medium-priced issues, and on Thursday (September 8) Siscoe reached a new low. The weekly average for golds was 123.3 as compared with 122.4 for the preceding week. With the exception of a slight recession on the last day of trading, base metals registered a regular advance throughout the week. The weekly index mounted fram 283.1 for the week ended September 1 to 285.6 for the following week.

## LONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS

Following the drop in high-grade bond values at the and of August, a partial recovery took place in the first week of September. Advances in Dominion of Canada longterm bond prices seldom exceeded $1 / 4$ point, however, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index for the week ending September 8 stood at 117.4 as compared with 117.5 , for the previous week. The Bureau's daily index stepped up from 117.2 on September 1 to 117.4 on the 8rd, at which level it remained for the balance of the week. Provincials were featureless. British Consols closed $3 / 8$ lower at $733 / 4$, while the Dow-Jones everage of United States high-grade bonds increased from 88.07 to 88.23 . The index for Dominion of Canada longterm bond yields mounted from 63.0 for the week ending September 1 to 63.2 for the week ending September 8 and the average weekly yield of the issues used in this index rose from 3.06 to 3.07 .

## FOPE IGN EXCHANGE

(Quotations are Montreal noon rates unless otherwise specified)
The flight of capital to the United States continued with shipments from London on Saturday of $\$ 16,500,000$ gold reported the largest in several years. Sterling values of gold rose 8d. to 144 s . 1d. between Friday and Saturday, marking one of the sharpest advances on record. The British pound suffered a drastic setback over the week end and quotations dropped $1.7 \phi$ to $\$ 4.8367$ on September 6 th while discounts on futures widened noticeably. Following rumours indicating a lessening of the strain in the European situation, the pound recovered slightly to close at $\$ 4.8381$. Other European currencies, the belga excepted, moved generally in line with sterling. The French franc declined from $2.73 \phi$ on September 2nd to $2.71 \phi$ on the 6 th and closed at $2.72 \phi$. The Netherlands florin moved down from $54.52 \phi$ to $54.16 \phi$ end then advanced to $54.22 \phi$ during this period. Premiums on United States moved up $1 / 16$ p.c. to $9 / 32$ of 1 p.c. On the Eth and 7 th but receded to $1 / 4$ of 1 p.c. on the 8 th.

x Bank of Canada. * Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges closed.

x Weekly ilgures. * bank of Canada stock has been removed from the trading list - July 14.

