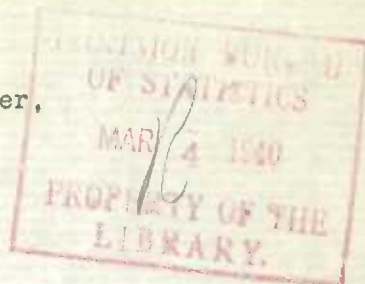


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SECURITY PRICES AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE, FEBRUARY 23-FEBRUARY 29.
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INDUSTRIAL AND UTILITY COMMON STOCK PRICES

Prices of Canadian common stocks moved within a narrow range on moderate trading during the week ended February 29. The daily price average for 95 industrial, utility and bank stocks closed at 98.6 as compared with 97.9 on February 22. In the industrial division, six sub-groups recorded net gains led by foods, up 1.6 p.c. This was the only sub-group to register more than a fractional advance. Recessions were shown by milling, down 2.5 p.c., beverages 1.0 p.c. and oils 0.2 p.c. The industrial index rose 0.7 to 159.6. In the utility group C.P.R. was a feature and was mainly responsible for the 11.9 p.c. increase in transportation. The utility index closed at 45.6 for a net gain of 0.9. Banks were up 0.3 to 84.8.

MINING STOCK PRICES

With the exception of a fractional advance on February 24, the general price index of twenty-five mining issues showed daily recessions and finished the week ending February 29 at 134.1 for a net loss of 2.4 points. After seven weeks of steady decline the gold index at 98.3 on the final day of trading, reached its lowest level since September 23, 1939. Base metals showed more strength than gold issues, although the index receded one per cent during the week to close at 282.8. Average indexes for the gold section were 99.4 for the week ended February 29 and 101.0 for the week ended February 22, while corresponding averages for base metals were 285.4 and 287.5.

LONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS

During the week ending February 29, Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices averaged slightly lower than in the preceding week, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index declined from 113.8 to 113.7. The daily index reflected clearly the quietness prevailing on domestic markets, and remained unchanged at 113.7. This compared with 112.0 and 114.4, respectively the low and high for the current year, reached on January 5 and 23. The Bureau's index of yields rose from 73.6 for the week ending February 22 to 73.7 for the week ending February 29, and the average yield of the issues included in this index advanced from 3.33 to 3.34. The provincial section was fairly quiet also, and price changes were mostly small and downward.

British Consols continued to rise, moving from 74 to 74 3/8, but the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds declined from 89.11 to 88.71. This average stood at 90.24 and British Consols were quoted at 68 3/8 on January 2.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

(Quotations are Montreal noon rates unless otherwise specified)

Official buying and selling rates set by the Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board for sterling and United States funds remained unaltered at \$4.43-\$4.47 and \$1.10-\$1.11 respectively during the week ended February 29. At New York sterling free rates showed weakness, quotations dropping to a new low for the current year of \$3.92 3/4 on the 29th or 3 1/2¢ below the previous week's final figure. Paralleling sterling the Canadian dollar declined 7/16¢ in the same interval to finish at 86 1/8¢. Current weakness in sterling free rates coincided with new moves on the economic front while a report that gold stocks held by the Bank of France would be revalued about 22 p.c. higher also contributed to weakness for both sterling and French franc rates. At Montreal the franc eased 3 points during the week to 2.47¢. Among neutral European units quotations for the belga were steady at 18.71¢ while the Netherlands florin eased 9 points on the final day to 58.95¢ compared with 59.06¢ on February 22. Scandinavian units showed practically no change in inactive trading. It was currently reported that the Swedish Government had decided to establish strict control over all foreign exchange transactions in view of a considerable flight of capital in recent weeks.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PRICE FACTORS

Dates	1940 FEBRUARY						Weekly Average	Preceding Weekly Average	Corresponding Weekly Average	Weekly Average
	23	24	26	27	28	29	Feb.23-29	Feb.16-22	Last Month	A Year Ago
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX, 95 COMMON STOCKS	98.3	98.1	98.4	98.6	98.4	98.6	98.4	98.7	98.1	105.3
68 INDUSTRIALS	159.7	159.4	159.9	159.8	159.5	159.6	159.7	160.3	158.6	176.1
Machinery and Equipment (8)	128.9	128.8	128.7	128.7	128.5	130.0	128.9	129.8	130.6	129.8
Pulp and Paper (7)	22.9	22.9	22.7	22.7	22.9	22.9	22.8	22.9	23.6	16.2
Milling (3)	98.3	98.3	96.8	96.8	96.7	96.7	97.8	99.8	95.5	80.0
Oils (4)	156.1	155.5	156.3	156.3	156.4	155.4	155.9	157.1	152.6	177.1
Textiles and Clothing (10)	91.3	91.6	91.4	91.3	91.3	91.3	91.3	90.4	87.5	55.0
Food and Allied Products (12)	185.8	185.7	186.3	187.1	188.2	186.6	186.8	183.1	182.2	176.6
Beverages (7)	134.9	135.2	134.1	134.3	134.2	132.8	134.2	133.8	133.3	133.4
Building Materials (15)	144.2	144.2	144.2	144.5	144.3	144.9	144.4	145.9	147.1	135.0
Industrial Mines (2)	361.8	361.2	362.6	361.3	358.7	362.3	361.7	365.6	365.2	441.6
19 UTILITIES	44.7	44.7	44.9	45.3	45.1	45.6	45.2	45.1	45.4	43.5
Transportation (2)	15.9	15.9	16.6	17.6	17.3	17.8	17.3	16.1	15.5	12.3
Telephone & Telegraph (2)	125.6	126.1	125.5	124.6	124.8	124.9	125.2	126.1	126.7	132.1
Power & Traction (15)	59.8	59.6	59.4	59.5	59.4	60.0	59.6	60.2	61.5	59.5
8 BANKS	84.4	84.4	84.4	84.7	84.7	84.8	84.4	84.3	84.6	85.6
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX, 25 STOCKS	136.5	136.9	135.5	135.1	134.8	134.1	135.5	137.5	141.1	160.0
Gold Stocks (22)	100.5	100.7	99.2	99.1	98.4	98.3	99.4	101.0	105.1	122.1
Base Metals (3)	286.2	287.2	286.4	284.9	286.0	282.8	285.4	287.5	290.1	317.2
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICE INDEX	113.7	113.7	113.7	113.7	113.7	113.7	113.7	113.8	114.3	119.4
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELD INDEX	73.7	73.7	73.7	73.7	73.7	73.7	73.7	73.6	73.0	66.5
FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS*- NOON RATES AT MONTREAL										
+Sterling	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.7073
+U.S. dollars	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.0038
French franc	.0249	.0249	.0248	.0249	.0248	.0247	.0248	.0249	.0251	.0266
Belgian belga	.1872	.1876	.1874	.1876	.1871	.1871	.1873	.1868	.1881	.1688
Netherlands florin	.5903	.5906	.5903	.5904	.5904	.5893	.5902	.5898	.5892	.5336
Japanese yen	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2743
Australian pound	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.7658
Argentine peso - free rate	.2582	-	.2587	.2587	.2592	.2586	.2587	.2585	.2531	.2318

* Bank of Canada. + Since September 16, 1939.

x Bank of Canada. + Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate set by the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is \$4.43 and \$4.47 and for U.S. funds \$1.10 and \$1.11.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICES, 1932 - 1940.
(From data issued by A. E. Ames and Co. Ltd.)
(1926=100)

	<u>1932</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>
January	94.2	103.9	105.2	116.9	114.1	118.7	116.0	118.6	113.2
February	95.2	104.2	106.1	115.2	115.7	116.3	116.4	118.8	114.0
March	96.9	102.6	108.6	115.7	116.3	113.6	116.6	119.6	-
April	96.7	103.6	110.3	115.5	116.5	113.1	117.5	118.8	-
May	96.6	104.4	111.2	116.4	116.6	113.9	118.3	118.1	-
June	94.2	105.7	111.1	115.2	117.8	114.9	118.0	119.1	-
July	97.0	105.7	111.9	115.3	118.7	115.2	117.8	119.2	-
August	101.8	106.5	113.1	115.6	120.0	115.7	117.7	118.1	-
September	102.7	106.4	113.4	111.9	120.3	115.6	116.4	109.6	-
October	104.9	105.9	112.0	111.2	118.3	114.7	116.9	111.3	-
November	103.6	105.1	113.3	113.3	118.6	114.7	118.4	113.5	-
December	101.9	104.3	116.3	113.1	119.1	115.8	118.7	112.7	-

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1932-1940.

	<u>1932</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>
January	112.4	97.9	94.9	73.6	76.6	67.8	71.5	67.4	74.4
February	111.5	97.5	93.6	76.2	74.6	71.3	71.0	67.5	73.4
March	109.0	99.0	88.6	74.9	73.6	75.6	70.4	66.3	-
April	109.1	97.8	85.5	75.2	73.3	76.5	69.3	67.5	-
May	109.1	96.7	84.0	74.0	72.6	75.3	68.2	68.4	-
June	112.3	94.9	83.8	76.1	70.5	73.8	68.6	67.0	-
July	108.7	94.9	82.4	75.7	68.7	73.3	68.9	66.8	-
August	101.0	94.0	80.3	75.1	66.6	72.6	69.2	68.1	-
September	100.1	94.1	79.8	81.2	66.0	72.5	70.6	78.3	-
October	97.3	94.9	81.6	81.9	69.1	74.0	70.0	76.5	-
November	98.2	95.2	80.1	78.0	68.1	73.7	68.1	74.0	-
December	100.6	96.0	74.6	78.5	67.2	72.0	67.7	75.1	-

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF PROVINCE OF ONTARIO REPRESENTATIVE BOND ISSUES, 1932-1940.
(From data issued by Wood, Gundy and Co. Ltd.)
(1926=100)

	<u>1932</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>
January	119.8	99.2	97.3	76.2	85.5	70.4	69.7	68.1	71.8
February	115.9	98.7	96.0	78.3	80.6	74.3	69.3	69.7	-
March	110.6	100.0	90.2	79.5	77.3	78.5	68.5	68.3	-
April	111.3	101.3	87.7	80.8	78.5	77.9	67.2	70.6	-
May	113.2	98.1	84.8	78.5	76.6	74.5	65.3	68.7	-
June	114.4	97.1	85.4	80.4	73.3	72.9	65.3	65.8	-
July	110.6	96.7	83.1	80.2	72.0	73.1	66.8	65.8	-
August	103.3	95.0	82.3	79.7	71.2	72.2	66.8	72.6	-
September	101.9	95.8	82.0	88.3	69.9	71.8	68.9	84.1	-
October	98.1	94.6	82.9	85.4	72.2	73.1	66.8	75.8	-
November	102.3	97.3	81.0	80.8	71.8	72.7	65.1	72.9	-
December	102.7	98.5	76.2	82.7	69.7	71.2	65.8	73.5	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1940^x

<u>Date</u>		<u>Prices</u>	<u>Yields</u>
1940 - January	4	112.2	75.5
	11	112.0	75.7
	18	113.2	74.4
	25	114.1	73.5
February	1	114.3	73.0
	8	114.2	73.3
	15	114.2	73.0
	22	113.8	73.6
	29	113.7	73.7

^x Based upon an average of daily figures for the week ending on dates specified.



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