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SECURITY PRICES AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AUG. 16-AUG. 22, 1940
(1926=100)

INDUSTRIAL AND UTILITY COMMON STOCK PRICES

The Investors' daily price index for 95 industrial and utility common stocks mounted from 73.8 on August 15 to 77.0 on August 22. The greater part of this advance occurred on increased trading on the final day of the week and brought the index to the highest level of the last three months. All divisions of the composite index, excepting communication issues and banks, shared in the upward movement, with net gains ranging from 0.3 p.c. for foods to 21.9 p.c. for transportation stocks. Other sub-groups to show moderate increases were industrial mines, machinery and equipment, oils, building materials and pulp and paper. The industrial index closed at 121.5 on August 22 for a net gain of 5 p.c. and utilities were up 3.9 p.c. to 37.6. Banks dropped from 72.2 to 72.1.

MINING STOCK PRICES

Canadian mining issues moved generally upward during the week ended August 22, with the rally gaining momentum on the closing day. Trading volume increased moderately. The Bureau's price index of twenty-five mining stocks rose from 96.7 to 103.6 between August 15 and 22. This advance more than erased the losses of the current month. The gold index recorded a gain of 6.3 p.c. to close at 77.4 on August 22. Interest was mostly centered on the medium-priced issues. Base metals advanced from 195.8 on August 15 to 212.0 a week later for a net increase of 8.3 p.c. The average for golds was 75.3 for the week ended August 22 as compared with 73.2 for the preceding week, while corresponding averages for base metals were 205.7 and 204.1.

LONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS

A further stiffening in Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices advanced the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index on the base 1926=100, from 115.0 for the week ending August 15 to 115.3 for the week ending August 22. This was 0.4 below the high for the current year in the week ending May 2, and 2.8 below the corresponding week of last year. The announcement of a second war loan of \$250-\$300 mm. to be offered early in September, was made during the week. The Bureau's daily index rose from 115.1 to 115.2 on the 19th, and again to 115.4 on the 20th, where it remained until the 22nd. The index of yields fell from 72.2 to 71.9. Provincials were steady, with small advances shown for some issues.

British Consols continued to rise, closing $3\frac{7}{8}$ higher at $73\frac{7}{8}$. This was an increase of $3\frac{1}{4}$ over the low of $70\frac{5}{8}$ touched on June 26. The Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds advanced from 87.66 to 88.35.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

(Quotations are Montreal noon rates unless otherwise specified)

There was no change in official buying and selling rates set by the Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board for sterling and United States funds during the week ended August 22. These were quoted at \$4.43-\$4.47 and \$1.10-\$1.11 respectively. At New York sterling free market rates fluctuated between \$4.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ and \$4.03, the latter figure being the closing rate for the week and indicating a net increase of $\frac{1}{4}\%$. Dealers reported a continued reduction in free sterling trading. During the same interval Canadian funds at New York, following a mid-week drop of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $86\frac{1}{8}\%$, subsequently recovered to $86\frac{1}{2}\%$. Hong Kong and Shanghai currency rates showed moderate strength at Montreal, while the Swedish krona eased 1 point to 26.43%. Swiss francs finished 2 points higher at 25.29% while a 16 point increase lifted Argentine free peso rates to 25.14% as the week closed.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PRICE FACTORS

Dates	1940 AUGUST						Weekly Average	Preceding Weekly Average	Corresponding Weekly Average	Weekly Average
	16	17	19	20	21	22	Aug. 16-22	Aug. 9-15	Last Month	A Year Ago
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX, 95 COMMON STOCKS	73.4	73.5	73.5	73.8	74.7	77.0	74.9	74.5	73.1	92.2
68 INDUSTRIALS	114.8	115.2	115.2	115.3	116.9	121.5	117.4	117.1	114.7	150.2
Machinery and Equipment (8)	95.7	96.2	96.8	96.8	99.2	101.9	97.6	95.0	91.7	105.1
Pulp and Paper (7)	14.7	14.5	14.3	14.7	15.1	15.4	15.1	15.1	13.5	10.2
Milling (3)	68.4	68.4	68.4	68.4	67.3	68.4	68.5	67.7	70.0	75.8
Oils (4)	99.7	101.0	101.4	101.0	101.7	106.2	102.2	103.0	103.6	144.7
Textiles and Clothing (10)	75.9	75.9	76.0	75.6	76.1	76.4	76.0	75.2	74.8	58.9
Food and Allied Products (12)	145.2	145.3	143.5	143.5	146.2	149.6	147.0	150.0	145.9	179.5
Beverages (7)	116.1	115.4	115.4	118.9	120.3	119.9	118.8	119.6	117.6	114.1
Building Materials (15)	105.0	105.1	105.2	105.5	105.5	109.6	107.0	104.8	101.5	117.1
Industrial Mines (2)	273.6	273.5	272.9	272.9	278.6	293.3	281.5	276.5	266.3	374.8
19 UTILITIES	36.1	35.9	36.1	36.8	37.1	37.6	37.0	36.5	35.9	40.2
Transportation (2)	11.4	11.4	11.4	12.7	13.2	13.9	13.2	11.6	10.9	8.9
Telephone & Telegraph (2)	108.2	107.7	109.5	109.5	109.7	110.2	109.5	111.9	111.4	129.5
Power and Traction (15)	48.4	48.1	48.1	48.4	48.5	49.0	48.6	48.2	47.7	55.9
8 BANKS	71.9	71.9	72.0	71.9	72.1	72.1	72.0	72.1	70.3	84.8
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX, 25 STOCKS	97.2	97.8	98.0	98.6	99.5	103.6	100.7	98.5	95.1	147.1
Gold Stocks (22)	73.0	73.5	73.9	73.9	74.1	77.4	75.3	73.2	71.3	109.5
Base Metals (3)	197.9	198.8	198.1	200.8	205.1	212.0	205.7	204.1	193.6	303.2
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICE INDEX	115.1	115.1	115.2	115.4	115.4	115.4	115.3	115.0	114.7	118.1
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELD INDEX	72.0	72.0	71.8	71.6	71.6	71.6	71.9	72.2	72.6	68.2
FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTATIONSx - NOON RATES AT MONTREAL										
# Sterling	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.4500	4.6848
# U.S. dollars	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.0009
Brazil milreis - free rate	.0558	-	.0557	.0557	.0557	.0557	.0557	.0557	.0558	.0504
India rupee	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3500
Sweden krona	.2643	.2643	.2643	.2643	.2643	.2643	.2643	.2642	.2645	.2414
Japan yen	.2601	.2601	.2601	.2601	.2601	.2601	.2601	.2601	.2601	.2731
Australian pound	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.7478
Argentine peso - free rate	.2509	-	.2509	.2509	.2509	.2514	.2510	.2501	.2465	.2320

x Bank of Canada.

Averages of daily buying and selling rates set by the Foreign Exchange Control Board. Since September 16, 1939, current buying and selling rates were: Sterling \$4.43 and \$4.47; U.S. funds \$1.10 and \$1.11.

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.

INDUSTRIALS															UTILITIES				
Number of Securities 1940	General	Total	Machin- ery and Equip- ment	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Pro- ducts	Bever- ages	Build- ing Mater- ials	Indus- trial Mines	Total	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone and Tele- graph	Power and Trac- tion	Banks			
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8			
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	198.3	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			
Low	134.6	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			
x1935 - High	98.8	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			
Low	75.7	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			
x1936 - High	135.5	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			
Low	109.4	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			
x1937 - High	149.6	245.4	170.2	50.2	120.3	249.7	81.8	191.9	144.2	216.2	631.8	74.5	42.5	129.0	99.9	97.3			
Low	99.0	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			
x1938 - High	111.9	187.3	145.0	23.4	90.5	202.1	66.0	171.3	145.2	145.8	485.7	48.9	19.8	127.7	66.7	86.2			
Low	92.5	151.3	93.3	13.2	69.7	160.7	52.1	147.3	95.6	109.1	354.8	40.8	13.3	115.3	55.1	79.5			
x1939 - High	108.0	181.9	151.5	25.0	108.6	191.0	85.4	184.1	135.8	165.0	469.4	46.2	20.4	134.2	65.0	86.1			
Low	92.2	150.2	104.7	10.0	69.7	143.1	51.3	156.6	105.9	116.0	370.0	39.7	8.9	110.1	52.1	72.2			
1939 - January	102.9	171.4	129.4	16.9	79.1	173.5	52.9	172.9	126.9	133.3	422.1	42.7	13.4	127.3	57.5	85.2			
February	104.1	174.0	129.4	16.4	77.6	175.9	54.3	175.3	130.4	133.6	433.1	42.9	12.4	129.7	58.2	85.3			
March	103.7	171.4	126.6	15.1	79.8	173.9	57.2	172.5	127.6	132.9	419.2	44.4	11.5	131.7	62.0	85.1			
April	96.2	157.7	111.1	11.5	71.4	162.9	53.1	169.2	116.9	119.3	381.9	41.9	9.6	129.7	58.9	83.7			
May	99.2	163.0	112.5	12.0	78.9	170.2	55.0	176.3	120.4	124.6	387.9	43.2	10.0	132.6	60.8	84.7			
June	97.0	157.6	114.2	12.4	77.4	153.2	56.2	179.2	124.7	128.8	389.0	43.7	11.0	133.8	60.8	85.0			
July	97.3	159.2	118.0	12.7	75.0	154.0	59.8	182.1	124.8	129.5	393.1	42.7	10.4	132.8	59.2	85.0			
August	94.2	154.2	108.6	11.1	76.0	147.9	60.1	180.5	117.7	121.6	386.7	40.9	9.3	130.0	56.8	84.3			
1940 - January	99.7	162.1	134.3	24.5	98.8	155.8	86.4	183.0	135.4	150.7	373.6	45.7	16.4	126.1	61.3	84.5			
February	99.0	161.1	129.8	23.4	98.4	158.2	90.7	184.3	134.0	146.8	365.5	45.3	16.7	125.8	60.3	84.3			
March	99.1	159.2	134.1	22.9	96.5	155.4	91.4	185.7	135.4	146.5	357.6	47.1	19.7	126.5	61.1	85.1			
April	97.0	154.8	132.5	24.6	95.9	147.6	91.6	184.7	137.9	146.4	344.1	47.1	19.4	124.6	61.9	83.8			
May	80.4	125.8	102.6	16.3	77.6	124.7	80.5	165.0	117.9	115.8	263.2	39.4	13.4	116.6	52.0	79.7			
June	71.9	111.3	93.2	13.1	62.9	100.2	70.3	144.1	106.9	103.3	254.0	35.8	11.1	112.2	47.0	74.7			
July	72.5	113.9	92.0	13.9	67.1	101.3	74.5	145.8	114.2	102.3	266.8	35.5	11.5	107.3	47.1	70.0			
Weekly Index Numbers																			
August 1	75.0	118.1	95.8	15.3	70.0	105.3	76.2	149.1	119.1	105.8	274.5	36.7	12.3	112.2	48.2	71.2			
August 8	75.5	119.1	96.1	15.0	68.9	106.2	76.2	151.1	121.5	105.6	279.4	36.8	12.1	112.3	48.7	71.7			
August 15	74.5	117.1	95.0	15.1	67.7	103.0	75.2	150.0	119.6	104.8	276.5	36.5	11.6	111.9	48.2	72.1			
August 22	74.9	117.4	97.6	15.1	68.5	102.2	76.0	147.0	118.8	107.0	281.5	37.0	13.2	109.5	48.6	72.0			
= Weekly figures.																			

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