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SECURITY PRICES AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE, FEB. 28-MAR. 6.
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INDUSTRIAL AND UTILITY COMMON STOCK PRICES

On exceptionally light trading industrial and utility common stock price movements were mixed during the week ended March 6. Closing at 65.9 the composite Investors' index indicated a net gain of 0.2 p.c. for the week, and this figure compared with intermediate high and low points of 66.3 and 65.3. Among the various sub-groups, index fluctuations showed appreciable variation, ranging between a rise of 6.5 p.c. for transportation stocks and a decline of 3.1 p.c. for foods and allied products. Banks showed noticeable weakness, an index for this series declining 1.2 p.c. to close at 89.8.

MINING STOCK PRICES

Dullness which pervaded the industrial and utility price sections was also noted in the mining stocks section in the first week of March. Following moderate strength during the first two days, the composite index of 25 mining issues subsequently eased to a weekly low of 73.5 on March 4. In the ensuing two days, however, the index rallied fractionally to close at 73.9 for a net loss of 1.1 p.c.. Base metals declined 1.3 p.c. to 82.4 while in the same interval golds were off 0.9 p.c. to 69.6.

LONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS

Dominion of Canada long-term bonds were firm until the last two days of the week ending March 6, and the Bureau's index of prices, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 100.9 for the week ending February 27 to 101.0. This was the highest point touched since August 1939, and indicated an increase of 8 p.c. over the low of 93.5 reached in the week of September 14, 1939. The Bureau's daily index remained at the previous week's close of 101.0 until March 4, but then declined 0.1, and continued without further change for the balance of the week. The index of yields fell from 96.1 to 95.8, which compared with 102.1 for the corresponding week of last year. Provincials were featureless.

British Consols closed 1/8 lower at 77 1/4, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds rose from 90.10 to 90.59.

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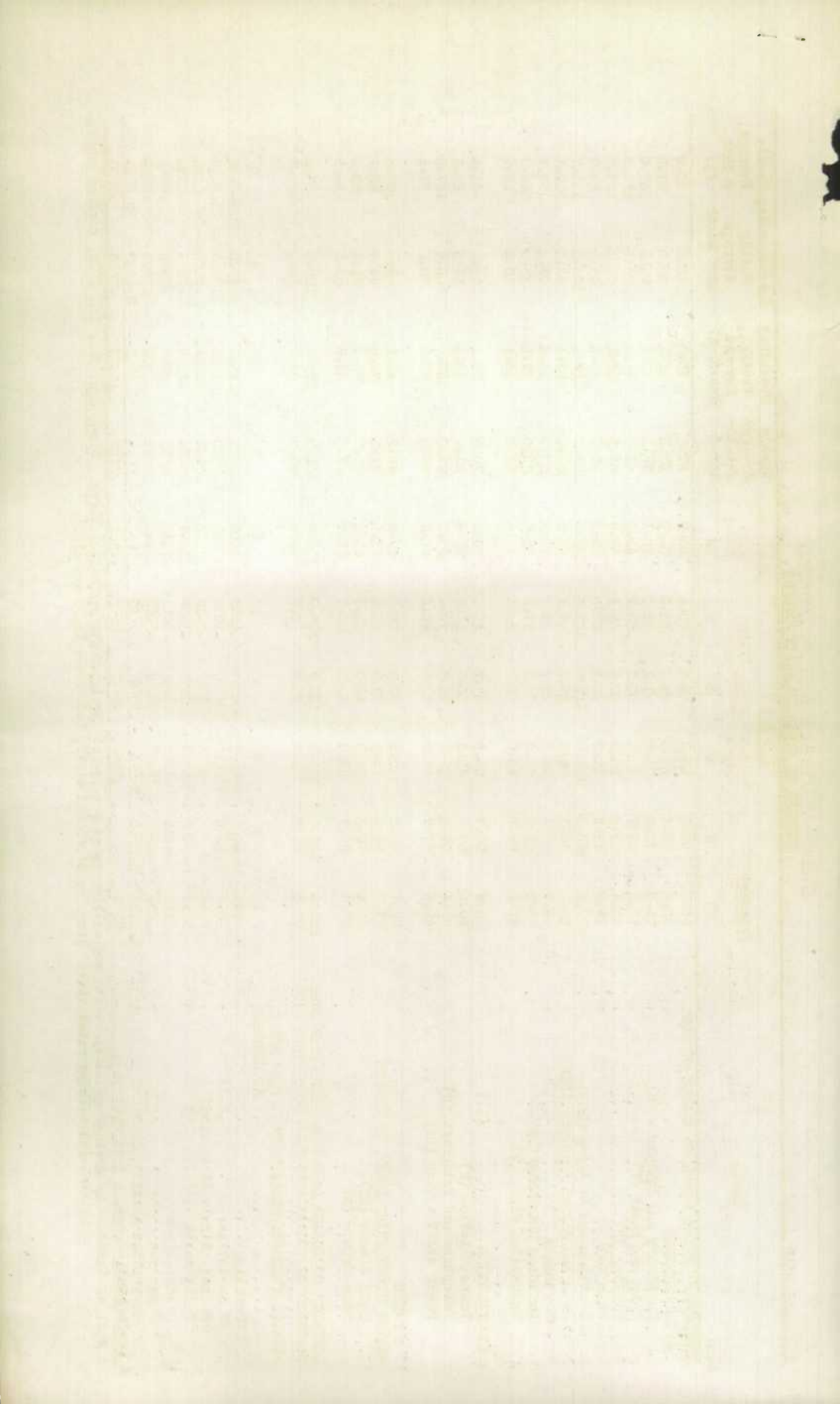
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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PRICE FACTORS

Dates	1 9 4 1						Weekly Average Feb.28- Mar.6	Preceding Weekly Average Feb.21-27	Corresponding Weekly Average Last Month	Weekly Average A Year Ago
	February		March							
	28	1	3	4	5	6				
INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX, 95 COMMON STOCKS	66.3	66.3	65.3	65.4	65.4	65.9	65.8	65.6	68.0	90.6
68 INDUSTRIALS	62.4	62.4	61.3	61.4	61.3	61.9	61.8	61.6	63.9	87.8
Machinery and Equipment (8)	72.3	72.5	71.5	71.8	72.2	72.1	72.1	72.0	74.1	107.0
Pulp and Paper (7)	52.8	62.9	60.0	60.3	60.1	61.0	61.5	61.0	66.6	115.5
Milling (3)	69.6	69.6	69.6	69.6	69.4	69.8	69.8	69.1	71.1	113.4
Oils (4)	49.3	49.3	48.2	48.2	48.6	48.6	48.7	48.6	49.0	78.2
Textiles and Clothing (10)	100.6	100.6	102.0	102.2	102.4	103.3	101.7	102.1	106.5	135.7
Food and Allied Products (12)	89.1	89.1	89.2	87.7	87.2	84.5	87.6	87.4	93.3	117.1
Beverages (7)	94.9	94.4	93.9	93.2	93.4	93.2	93.7	96.4	98.3	106.7
Building Materials (15)	75.2	74.9	75.0	74.8	74.9	75.4	75.0	75.3	78.9	106.0
Industrial Mines (2)	67.8	67.7	66.0	66.8	66.1	68.4	67.2	66.7	70.0	88.7
19 UTILITIES	70.3	70.4	69.6	69.7	69.9	70.2	70.0	70.1	73.1	93.6
Transportation (2)	50.6	50.6	49.5	50.6	51.8	53.9	51.7	49.6	54.5	84.8
Telephone and Telegraph (2)	99.6	99.4	99.3	99.3	99.4	99.0	99.2	100.0	100.4	107.8
Power and Traction (15)	67.7	67.9	66.9	66.7	66.6	66.7	67.0	67.5	70.8	92.1
8 BANKS	90.7	90.8	90.5	90.4	89.8	89.8	90.2	90.2	91.8	104.5
MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX, 25 STOCKS	75.0	74.9	73.6	73.5	73.8	73.9	74.1	74.6	76.4	93.7
Gold Stocks (22)	70.4	70.3	69.3	69.0	69.5	69.5	69.7	70.4	71.6	83.1
Base Metals (3)	83.9	83.9	82.0	82.2	82.2	82.4	82.5	83.0	85.3	114.5
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICE INDEX	101.0	101.0	101.0	100.9	100.9	100.9	101.0	100.9	100.8	98.0
DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELD INDEX	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.9	95.9	95.9	95.8	96.1	96.2	102.1
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	4.4500
U.S. dollars	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050	1.1050
Brazil milreis (free rate)	.0562	-	.0562	.0562	.0562	.0562	.0562	.0562	.0562	.0553
India rupee	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359	.3359
Sweden krona	.2645	.2645	.2645	.2645	.2645	.2644	.2645	.2644	.2645	.2643
Japan yen	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602	.2602
Australian pound	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760	3.5760
Argentine peso - free rate	.2598	-	.2564	.2547	.2547	.2559	.2563	.2622	.2626	.2600

* Bank of Canada. / Average 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.



EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, 1940-1941.

NOTE: The ~~new~~ rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds	London Sterling	France Franc	Belgium Belga	Italy Lira	Switzerland Franc	Netherlands Florin	Norway Krone	Sweden Krona	Denmark Krona	
1940	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
February	+1.1050	+4.4500	.0249	.1872	.0561	.2489	.5899	.2521	.2643	.2144	
March	+1.1050	+4.4500	.0236	.1885	.0561	.2489	.5895	.2521	.2644	.2143	
April	+1.1050	+4.4500	.0222	.1875	.0560	.2489	.5892	.2521	.2634	.2143	
May	+1.1050	+4.4500	.0206	.1858	.0559	.2471	.5892	-	.2641	-	
June	+1.1050	+4.4500	.0231	-	.0559	.2491	-	-	.2642	-	
July	+1.1050	+4.4500	-	-	-	.2518	-	-	.2646	-	
August	+1.1050	+4.4500	-	-	-	.2526	-	-	.2643	-	
September	+1.1050	+4.4500	-	-	-	.2528	-	-	.2643	-	
October	+1.1050	+4.4500	-	-	-	.2569	/.5855	-	.2643	-	
November	+1.1050	+4.4500	-	-	-	.2575	/.5855	-	.2644	-	
December	+1.1050	+4.4500	-	-	-	.2575	/.5855	-	.2644	-	
1941											
January	+1.1050	+4.4500	-	-	-	.2576	/.5855	-	.2645	-	
February	+1.1050	+4.4500	-	-	-	.2577	/.5855	-	.2645	-	
	Spain Peseta	Mexico Peso	Argentine Peso (Paper) x	Australia Pound	Brazil Milreis x	Straits Settlement Dollar	India Rupee	China (Shanghai) Dollar	Japan Yen	Union of S. Africa Pound	New Zealand Pound
1940	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
February .....	.1104	.1848	.2573	3.5760	.0557	.5165	.3359	.0783	.2602	4.4600	3.5900
March .....	.1090	.1849	.2598	3.5760	.0558	.5195	.3359	.0717	.2602	4.4600	3.5900
April .....	.1015	.1849	.2550	3.5760	.0558	.5253	.3359	.0666	.2602	4.4600	3.5900
May .....	.1013	.1849	.2514	3.5760	.0557	.5256	.3359	.0566	.2602	4.4600	3.5900
June .....	.1013	.2041	.2438	3.5760	.0559	.5256	.3359	.0641	.2601	4.4600	3.5900
July .....	.1013	.2211	.2403	3.5760	.0558	.5256	.3359	.0674	.2601	4.4600	3.5900
August .....	.1013	.2219	.2492	3.5760	.0557	.5256	.3359	.0611	.2601	4.4600	3.5900
September .....	.1013	.2214	.2575	3.5760	.0556	.5256	.3359	.0579	.2601	4.4600	3.5900
October .....	.1013	.2256	.2604	3.5760	.0556	.5256	.3359	.0634	.2602	4.4600	3.5900
November .....	.1013	.2264	.2606	3.5760	.0557	.5256	.3359	.0654	.2602	4.4600	3.5900
December .....	.1013	.2270	.2614	3.5760	.0557	.5256	.3359	.0635	.2602	4.4600	3.5900
1941											
January .....	.1013	.2276	.2618	3.5760	.0561	.5256	.3359	.0601	.2602	4.4600	3.5900
February .....	.1013	.2279	.2617	3.5760	.0562	.5256	.3359	.0604	.2602	4.4600	3.5900

x Unofficial. + Since Sept. 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate of the Foreign Exchange Control Board.
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 / Netherlands - Indian Guilder.



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