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## SECURITY PRICES AND FOREIGN EXCPANGE, APRII 11-17

$(1935-39=100)$

## IIDUSTRIAL AND UIILITY COMMON STOCK PRICES

Industrial and utility comon stock prices showed littie net change during the week ended April 17. Finishing at 65.3, the Investors' daily index for 95 common stocks indicated a net loss of $0.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. over the previous week's close. Section indexes showed most of the loss concentrated in the industrial section which declined $0.8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. to 62.0. A corresponding series for 19 utilities stifiened $0.7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. to 67.3 while bank shares were 0.3 p.c. higher at 89.7. For industrials, pulp and paper stocks with e loss of 2.1 p.c. to 60.6 were weakest, while industrial mines dipped 1.2 p.c. to 67.2. On the other hand milling stocks gained 3.8 p.c. to an index level of 70.9 , while food and allied product issues closed up $1.7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. at 89.3 . The weok's closing level for the composite index was practically on a par with the low for the current year on February 19, and showed a drop of $10.9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. When compared with the year's peak of 73.3 on January 13. Sharp declines in utility stocks during the first half of April have been largely responsible for weakness in the general index.

## MINING STOCK PRICES

jining stocks showed some improvement during the week ended April 17 on reduced trading activity. The price index of twentyfive mining issues rose 0.7 p.c. to close at 74.7 . Golds mounted from 68.1 on April 10 to 68.5 on the 17 th and base metals from 86.1 to 86.9. Although dally indexes netted gains for the period, the weokly price averages registered losses. The composite index for mining issues declined from 75.8 for the week ended April 10 to 74.2 for the week ended April 17 ; golds receded 1.1 to 68.3 and base metals 3.1 to 85.9.

## LONG-TEFM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS

With trading-time shortened by the Easter holidays, Dominion of Canada longterm bond prices changed but little during the week ending April 17, and the Bureau's Index, on the base 1935-1939 $=100$, remalned at 100.9 . This was 2.2 above the week of April 18, 1940, but 1.0 below the sorrasponding werk in 1939. The index of jields wes unchanged alsc, remaining at 95.9 for the third successive week. Provincials were featureless.

British Consols closed the week $1 / 4$ off at $771 / 4$, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds was. 04 lower at 90.69 .

| Dates | 211 | 12 | 414 | ${ }_{15}{ }^{15}$ | 16 | 17 | Weekly Average Apr.11-17 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Preceding } \\ \text { Weekly } \\ \text { Average } \\ \text { Apr. } 4-10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Corresponding <br> Weokly <br> Average <br> Last Month | Weekly Average A Year Ago |
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| INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX, 95 COMMON STOCKS | - | 65.2 | - | 65.4 | 64.9 | 65.3 | 65.2 | 66.5 | -67.2 | 88.0 |
| 68 INDUSTRIALS | - | 62.1 | - | 62.1 | 61.5 | 62.0 | 61.9 | 63.4 | 63.5 | 84.9 |
| Machinery and Equipment (8) | - | 73.5 | - | 73.5 | 72.9 | 72.8 | 73.1 | 73.7 | 74.4 | 104.1 |
| Pulp and Paper (7) | - | 61.8 | - | 61.8 | 60.9 | 60.6 | 61.3 | 64.8 | 68.3 | 122.0 |
| Milling (3) | - | 68.3 | - | 68.3 | 68.3 | 70.9 | 69.6 | 68.3 | 69.2 | 112.8 |
| Oils (4) | - | 50.2 | - | 49.8 | 49.0 | 49.0 | 49.4 | 50.2 | 49.9 | 74.7 |
| Textiles and Clothing (10) | - | 101.3 | - | 100.5 | 100.8 | 101.4 | 100.8 | 102.3 | 102.5 | 135.7 |
| Food and Allied Products (12) | - | 88.3 | - | 87.3 | 87.8 | 89.3 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 88.1 | 113.4 |
| Beverages (7) | - | 88.9 | - | 89.2 | 88.7 | 88.7 | 88.9 | 89.5 | 93.8 | 108.6 |
| Building Materials (15) | - | 77.8 | - | 77.5 | 77.0 | 78.1 | 77.7 | 78.4 | 79.6 | 105.1 |
| Industrial Minas (2) | - | 66.3 | - | 67.2 | 66.3 | 67.2 | 67.0 | 69.7 | 69.7 | 84.8 |
| 19 UTILITIES | - | 66.5 | - | 66.8 | 66.9 | 67.3 | 66.9 | 68.1 | 71.2 | 93.2 |
| Transportation (2) | - | 53.8 | - | 53.8 | 53.8 | 53.9 | 53.8 | 56.8 | 56.1 | 80.1 |
| Telophone and Telegraph (2) | - | 98.5 | - | 98.0 | 98.6 | 98.8 | 98.5 | 99.5 | 98.7 | 106.1 |
| Power and Traction (15) | - | 60.6 | - | 61.3 | 61.4 | 61.8 | 61.4 | 62.0 | 67*6 | 93.6 |
| 8 BANKS | - | 89.3 | - | 89.7 | 89.4 | 89.7 | 89.5 | 89.3 | 89.7 | 101.4 |
| MINING STCGK PRICR INDEX, 25 STOCKS | - | 74.2 | - | 73.8 | 74.1 | 74.7 | 74.2 | 75.8 | 75.0 | 90.3 |
| Gold Stocks (22) | - | 68.6 | - | 68.1 | 68.1 | 68.5 | 68.3 | 69.4 | 69.8 | 80.9 |
| Base Metals (3) | - | 85.1 | - | 85.1 | 86.0 | 86.9 | 85.9 | 89.0 | 85.2 | 109.5 |
| DOMINION OF GANADA LONG - TERM BOND PRICE INDEX | - | $\pm$ | - | 100.9 | 100.9 | 100.9 | 100.9 | 100.9 | 101.0 | 98.7 |
| DONINION OF GANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIETD INDEX | - | - | - | 95.9 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 95.8 | 100.8 |
| FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTATI ONSX - NOON RATES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AT MONTREAL | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| foterling | - | 4.4500 | - | 4.4500 | 4.4500 | 4.4500 | 4.4500 | 4.4500 | 4.4500 | 4.4500 |
| fUnS. dollars | - | 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 | . 0558 |
| India rupee | - | - 3353 | - | - 3353 | - 3353 | . 3353 | . 3353 | - 3353 | - 3359 | . 3359 |
| Sweden krona | - | - 2644 | - | . 2645 | -2645 | . 2644 | . 2645 | - 2644 | - 2644 | - |
| Japan jua | - | .25C. | - | . 2602 | . 2602 | . 2602 | . 2602 | - 2602 | . 2602 | -2602 |
| Australia pound | - | 3.5760 | - | 3.5760 | 3. 5760 | 3.5760 | 3. 5760 | 3. 5760 | 3.5760 | 3.5760 |
| Argentino peso - free rate | - | - | - | . 2581 | -2603 | . 2614 | . 2599 | . 2570 | . 2562 | . 2542 |

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.


