

Prices of Dominion of Canada long-term bonds declined moderately during 1937, but remained well above average levels of recent years. Year-end averages showed a net loss of approximately 2 p.c., but were only 3 p.c. below the all-time peak levels of August and September, 1936. An index of prices for representative Dominion long-term issues dropped from 118.2 for December, 1936, to 112.7 for April, 1937. Gradual recovery subsequently caused the index to advance to 115.5 for August, and it closed at 115.6 after narrow intervening fluctuations. Weakness in February and March appeared to be mainly associated with outside factors, as there were no new financing operations or other disturbing internal developments at this time. Refunding and loan operations of the Dominion and provinces proved generally successful. Eastern provincial issues were firm throughout the year and in some cases showed greater strength than Dominion maturities. Saskatchewan and Alberta bonds suffered appreciable losses, while those for Manitoba and British Columbia registered moderate net declines.

15.—Index Numbers of Dominion of Canada Long-Term Bond Yields, by Months, 1919-38.

(1926=100.)

Month.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
January.....	117.9	116.7	125.2	113.6	107.0	104.0	100.3	99.9	97.6	89.2
February.....	116.8	117.9	122.3	112.5	104.3	104.2	99.7	99.6	96.5	89.5
March.....	113.5	119.7	123.2	111.7	103.8	104.5	99.8	100.0	97.3	90.1
April.....	111.3	120.9	125.4	111.3	104.0	105.5	100.0	100.1	95.7	90.3
May.....	111.3	122.9	124.0	110.6	104.4	104.9	99.8	100.1	94.6	89.5
June.....	109.7	124.6	125.1	111.8	104.0	104.6	98.5	100.4	95.7	93.3
July.....	111.9	126.6	124.6	111.5	104.0	103.6	99.8	100.0	96.4	94.4
August.....	112.5	128.2	124.7	111.5	104.4	102.5	100.4	100.0	94.7	95.9
September.....	112.7	130.4	124.7	110.7	104.4	101.2	100.4	100.1	95.4	95.2
October.....	113.4	131.8	124.8	111.3	105.7	100.2	100.8	100.1	94.0	96.2
November.....	113.4	134.2	119.4	112.1	106.2	100.2	101.0	100.1	92.8	95.9
December.....	115.4	130.8	116.3	109.6	105.2	100.6	100.1	99.3	90.2	97.1
Month.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
January.....	97.3	102.1	93.9	112.7	96.3	93.2	70.9	72.4	64.6	66.3
February.....	98.3	101.4	93.6	112.2	96.0	91.0	73.2	70.8	68.4	65.4
March.....	102.3	101.1	91.9	109.1	97.7	86.1	71.4	69.9	72.7	64.7
April.....	100.9	99.3	90.0	109.8	96.6	83.8	72.2	69.5	73.2	63.7
May.....	100.2	98.4	89.3	109.3	95.0	81.8	71.4	68.8	71.0	-
June.....	104.0	98.2	88.3	111.7	93.3	82.1	73.4	66.9	69.3	-
July.....	104.0	98.0	88.3	107.5	93.5	80.1	72.1	65.1	69.0	-
August.....	102.0	95.9	88.3	100.5	92.2	77.8	71.6	63.2	68.1	-
September.....	102.8	93.9	95.5	98.7	92.4	77.2	79.8	63.1	68.3	-
October.....	103.7	93.6	105.2	96.2	93.5	79.3	78.9	66.2	69.7	-
November.....	103.3	93.6	107.7	98.5	94.3	77.2	74.5	65.1	68.8	-
December.....	101.4	93.9	111.7	99.4	95.1	71.3	75.5	64.1	67.4	-