

15.—Weighted Index Numbers of Prices of Mining Stocks, by Month, 1957 to Mid-1961

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	Gold	Base Metals	Composite	Year and Month	Gold	Base Metals	Composite
1957				1959—concluded			
January.....	70.6	265.7	129.9	April.....	85.5	201.2	120.6
February.....	69.3	243.2	122.2	May.....	87.0	194.0	119.5
March.....	68.1	249.6	123.3	June.....	87.0	193.4	119.4
April.....	72.4	255.4	128.0	July.....	87.3	196.9	120.6
May.....	76.2	234.2	124.2	August.....	86.1	196.9	119.8
June.....	80.6	227.7	125.4	September.....	82.0	179.2	111.5
July.....	79.3	222.2	122.8	October.....	82.7	179.9	112.2
August.....	73.2	192.6	109.5	November.....	82.6	181.3	112.6
September.....	71.4	180.7	104.6	December.....	82.3	182.8	112.8
October.....	63.4	167.2	95.0	1960			
November.....	61.2	167.0	93.4	January.....	82.4	187.8	114.4
December.....	60.0	156.8	89.4	February.....	82.0	175.6	110.4
1958				March.....	82.5	164.4	107.4
January.....	64.0	154.6	91.5	April.....	78.4	166.4	105.1
February.....	68.3	157.2	95.3	May.....	67.8	167.2	98.0
March.....	67.8	161.7	96.4	June.....	64.9	167.4	96.0
April.....	69.0	155.0	95.2	July.....	64.7	166.0	95.5
May.....	72.5	160.7	99.3	August.....	71.4	169.9	101.4
June.....	73.8	173.3	104.1	September.....	73.5	173.8	104.0
July.....	72.1	174.7	103.2	October.....	79.9	170.3	107.4
August.....	74.3	179.3	106.2	November.....	81.2	176.9	110.2
September.....	73.8	182.0	106.7	December.....	78.1	178.2	108.5
October.....	74.7	205.1	114.4	1961^a			
November.....	77.9	208.8	117.6	January.....	83.9	188.0	115.5
December.....	80.6	197.5	116.1	February.....	75.9	190.8	110.8
1959				March.....	72.4	203.6	112.3
January.....	85.6	211.2	123.7	April.....	72.1	218.2	116.6
February.....	85.7	214.8	124.9	May.....	73.6	234.4	122.5
March.....	86.1	219.4	126.6	June.....	73.8	232.1	121.9

Preferred Stocks.—The index of preferred stocks in 1960 continued through April in the closing stages of a slump which had commenced in August 1959, but in May moderate strength set in which brought the index to 156.8 in December for a net gain of 5.1 p.c. from 149.2 in January.

16.—Index Numbers of Preferred Stocks, by Month, 1951 to Mid-1961

(1935-39=100)

NOTE.—Figures for 1927-45 are given in the 1948-49 Year Book, p. 958, and for 1946-51 in the 1956 edition, p. 1045.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Av.
1952.....	161.4	160.6	159.5	157.2	157.2	157.7	159.8	163.6	162.4	161.2	160.3	160.7	160.1
1953.....	161.0	161.6	163.6	161.6	162.9	163.0	163.8	164.3	162.0	161.0	161.6	161.7	162.3
1954.....	162.6	163.6	165.4	168.0	169.7	170.7	171.3	173.0	173.4	174.1	175.4	175.4	170.2
1955.....	175.6	176.0	176.2	175.4	176.1	177.9	179.5	179.9	179.0	179.2	176.6	173.9	177.2
1956.....	175.5	175.3	173.6	171.1	167.7	166.2	167.5	166.1	161.7	158.7	157.0	154.4	166.2
1957.....	155.9	156.4	154.8	153.4	153.1	150.8	150.0	149.4	147.3	146.1	147.6	151.1	151.3
1958.....	154.0	156.4	157.5	158.5	161.6	163.9	162.4	163.4	163.9	162.7	162.7	159.8	160.6
1959.....	158.1	159.5	159.8	160.0	161.9	160.5	160.8	159.2	155.3	151.0	150.1	149.9	157.2
1960 ^a	149.2	148.7	147.2	146.6	148.9	152.4	155.1	156.4	157.5	157.5	157.3	156.8	152.8
1961 ^b	157.9	158.2	157.9	158.2	157.7	159.6	161.4	162.3