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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Reversing its downward tendency of the past two weeks the Bureau's index for 30 industrial material prices, on the base August, 1939=100, stiffened from 120.1 for the week ended January 12th to 121.2. A sharp rise in the index for 12 Stable commodities, from 106.9 to 109.0 was largely responsible for the advance. The combined index for 18 Sensitive commodities moved 0.1 higher to 130.0, a rise of 0.7 to 128.8 for the Food sub-index more than outweighing a minor decline from 130.6 to 130.5 in Manufacturing Materials.

The Bureau's general wholesale index for 567 commodity prices, on the base 1926-100 for the week of January 19th was 82.3 compared with 82.2 in the previous week. Narrow price advances more than offset scattered losses in the Vegetable, Animal and Non-Metallic groups while in the Textiles, Non-Ferrous and Chemical sections, recessions were predominant. Wood and Iron were unchanged at 85.4 and 102.6 respectively.

A rise in the Field Products index from 60.4 to 61.0 lifted the Canadian Farm Products index fractionally higher, from 69.9 to 70.3. Animal Products were unchanged at 85.8.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
		20	12	19	20	12	19		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.4	78.0	78.6	99.0	120.1	121.2		
Stable	12	88.1	94.5	96.4	99.6	106.9	109.0		
Sensitive	18	52.2	68.6	68.7	98.6	129.9	130.0		
Manufacturing	13	51.0	69.1	69.0	96.1	130.6	130.5		
Food	5	55.5	67.5	67.8	105.4	128.1	128.8		

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
		20	29	5	12	19			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES..	567	73.2	82.2	82.3	82.2	82.3	82.2	82.3	
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.1	72.9	73.1	73.0	73.0	73.3		
II. Animals and Their Products ...	76	73.1	80.2	80.0	79.8	80.0	80.0		
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.2	82.4	82.5	82.3	82.3	82.1		
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.	49	76.2	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4		
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.7	102.7	102.7	102.6	102.6	102.6		
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.3	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.0		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.3	86.7	86.8	86.8	86.8	87.0		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.	77	78.8	86.9	86.9	86.9	86.9	85.7		
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.8	70.2	70.4	69.9	70.3	70.3		



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Year	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Description
1970	100	100	100	100	100	...
1971	100	100	100	100	100	...
1972	100	100	100	100	100	...
1973	100	100	100	100	100	...
1974	100	100	100	100	100	...
1975	100	100	100	100	100	...
1976	100	100	100	100	100	...
1977	100	100	100	100	100	...
1978	100	100	100	100	100	...
1979	100	100	100	100	100	...
1980	100	100	100	100	100	...