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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

A further increase in Industrial Material prices advanced the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, from 121.4 for the week ending October 11 to 121.9 for the week ending October 18. This compared with 119.0 for the week of October 20, 1939, and showed an increase of 2.9 p.c. during the year. The Stable price index was unchanged at 118.3, but the Sensitive price group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials rose from 123.5 to 124.4. The former advanced from 120.8 to 122.2, as higher prices obtained for raw rubber, raw cotton, raw silk and Manila hemp, while Food Materials fell from 130.7 to 130.1, when a small increase in wheat failed to offset declines in oats and steers.

The general index of Wholesale Commodity prices was slightly firmer also, and rose from 83.1 to 83.3. Of the eight groups included in the index, Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Wood and Iron moved higher, whereas Textiles and Chemicals declined. While advances proved of preponderant influence, reductions in the prices of individual commodities were numerous.

Canadian Farm Products advanced to the highest point since the week of July 12, rising from 64.2 to 64.6. Field Products moved from 50.8 to 50.9, as increases in grains, hay and onions outweighed a decrease in potatoes, while Animal Products rose from 86.7 to 87.6, when a decline in livestock proved of less importance than advances in hides and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks ended October 11 and 18.

Increases: hides 8.8, butter 8.3, raw silk 7.5, eggs 6.9, raw rubber 2.0, scrap iron 1.7, cocoa products 0.8, wheat 0.5.

Decreases: potatoes 4.3, cheese 2.2, fresh meats 2.1, green cocoa beans 1.6, cloth 1.6, oats 0.9, livestock 0.8.

	No. of	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Price		Price		Price		Price	
		Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	Series:	20	11	18	20	11	18		
			(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)				
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	77.4	78.8	79.1	119.0	121.4	121.9		
Stable	12	92.2	104.6	104.6	104.3	118.3	118.3		
Sensitive	18	68.9	65.2	65.7	130.0	123.5	124.4		
Manufacturing	13	69.7	63.9	64.6	131.2	120.8	122.2		
Food	5	66.7	68.8	68.5	126.7	130.7	130.1		

	No. of	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Price		Price		Price		Price	
		Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	Series:	20	27	4	11	18			
			(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	79.0	82.9	83.0	83.1	83.3			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	68.0	69.2	69.5	69.3	69.5			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.8	78.7	78.8	79.7	80.5			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	72.8	83.8	83.8	83.8	83.7			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	83.9	91.3	91.3	91.7	91.9			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	100.5	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.1			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	74.9	77.7	77.7	77.7	77.7			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.3	90.8	90.9	90.9	90.9			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.7	90.4	90.4	90.5	90.3			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.7	63.5	64.3	64.2	64.6			

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