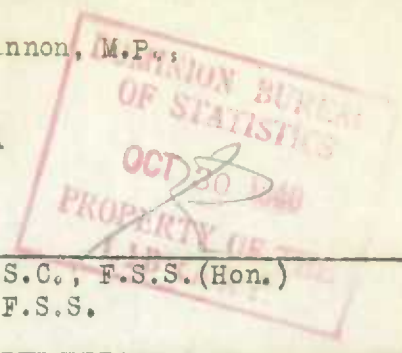


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

Continued strength in Industrial Material prices raised the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, from 121.8 for the week ending October 18th to 122.2 for the week ending October 25. No changes were recorded in the Stable price group, which remained at 118.3, but the Sensitive price series rose from 124.2 to 124.9, when increases were shown by both the Manufacturing and Food Materials groups. The former advanced from 121.9 to 122.7, as increases in raw rubber, rosin, beef hides and raw cotton proved of more importance than a decline in raw silk. Food Materials rose from 130.1 to 130.7, because of higher prices for wheat, oats and steers.

So far this month General Wholesale Commodities have been buoyant and in the week under review this index advanced from 83.3 to 83.5. Price movements were confined almost entirely to Vegetable Products and Animal Products, the remaining six groups showing no appreciable change. The present level is approximately 5.7 p.c. above that of the week ending October 27, 1939, and 16.1 p.c. above the low of 71.9 touched in the week of August 18, 1939.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 64.6 to 65.0. Grains and hay outweighed potatoes to send the index for Field Products from 50.9 to 51.1, while Animal Products increased from 87.6 to 88.2, as higher quotations ruled for livestock, hides, milk and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks ended October 18 and 25.

Increases: butter 2.4, cheese 1.6, eggs 1.5, flour and milled products 1.5, hides 1.8, steers 1.0, wheat 0.5.
Decreases: potatoes 8.3, raw silk 5.5, green coffee beans 3.2, fresh meats 1.4.

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INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	77.6	x79.0	79.3	119.4	x121.8	122.2		
Stable	12	92.2	x94.6	104.6	104.3	118.3	118.3		
Sensitive	18	69.2	x65.6	66.0	130.6	x124.2	124.9		
Manufacturing	13	70.4	x64.5	64.9	132.5	x121.9	122.7		
Food	5	66.2	68.5	68.8	125.8	130.1	130.7		

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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	79.0	83.0	83.1	83.3	83.5
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	67.4	69.5	69.3	69.5	69.7
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.6	78.8	78.7	80.5	80.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	73.7	83.8	83.8	83.7	83.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	84.2	91.3	91.7	91.9	91.9
V. Iron and Its Products	44	100.6	106.0	106.0	106.1	106.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	74.7	77.7	77.7	77.7	77.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.2	90.9	90.9	90.9	90.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.7	90.4	90.5	90.3	90.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.4	64.3	64.2	64.6	65.0



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