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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

General Wholesale Commodities were firm, and the index (1926=100) rose from 83.6 to 83.7. This was the sixth week of uninterrupted advance, in which time the index increased by 0.8. Activity continued to centre mostly in Vegetable Products and Animal Products, while the remaining six major groups were unchanged. Among the more important commodities to make advances were grains, potatoes, hides, butter and eggs, but declines occurred in milled feeds, livestock, fresh meats, raw silk and cloth.

A further slight weakening in Industrial Material prices lowered the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, from 121.9 for the week ending November 1 to 121.8 for the week ending November 8. The Stable price series remained at 118.3, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, declined from 124.4 to 124.3. Manufacturing Materials were unchanged at 122.5, as an increase in rosin nullified a reduction in raw silk, but Food Materials fell from 129.5 to 128.8, when a sharp decrease in hogs more than offset advances in wheat and steers.

Canadian Farm Products increased from 65.0 to 65.7. This marked a rise of 3.4 from the current year's low of 62.3 touched in the week of August 2, and compared with 64.1 for the week of November 10, 1939. Field Products advanced from 51.2 to 51.8, due to increases in grains, potatoes and onions, while Animal Products rose from 88.2 to 88.9, as increases in hides and eggs outweighed a decline in livestock.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks ended November 1 and 8.

Increases: green coffee beans 7.2, potatoes 6.6, eggs 5.1, hides 3.4, butter 2.2, wheat 0.7, steers 0.7.

Decreases: bacon hogs 4.0, raw silk 0.8, fresh meats 0.7, cloth 0.5, flour and milled products 0.3.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1939 :		: 1940 :		: 1939 :		: 1940	
		: Nov. :	: 10 :	: Nov. :	: 8 :	: Nov. :	: 10 :	: Nov. :	: 8 :
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	76.9	79.1	79.1	118.9	121.9	121.8		
Stable	12	91.8	104.6	104.6	104.3	118.3	118.3		
Sensitive	18	68.6	65.7	65.6	130.2	124.4	124.3		
Manufacturing	13	70.2	64.8	64.8	132.7	122.5	122.5		
Food	5	64.0	68.1	67.8	123.8	129.5	128.8		

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		: Nov. :	: 10 :	: Oct. :	: 18 :	: Oct. :	: 25 :	: Nov. :	: Nov. :
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	79.1	83.3	83.5	83.6	83.7			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	67.5	69.5	69.7	70.0	70.2			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.6	80.5	80.9	81.0	81.5			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	74.7	x83.8	x83.8	x83.8	83.8			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	84.1	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	100.6	106.1	106.1	106.1	106.1			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	74.5	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	81.8	90.3	90.3	90.3	90.3			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.1	64.6	65.0	65.0	65.7			

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