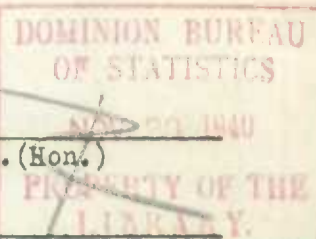


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

Continuing the advance commenced in the week of October 4, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of General Wholesale Commodities, on the base 1926=100, rose from 83.7 for the week ending November 8 to 84.0 for the week ending November 15. Since the corresponding week of 1939, this index has risen approximately 5.5 p.c., while the increase since the end of August 1939 has been nearly 15.4 p.c. In the week under review, price changes were fairly well grouped, being confined mainly to four divisions. Increases were shown in Vegetable Products and Textiles, while Chemical Products moved fractionally lower. Some activity occurred in Animal Products, but increases offset recessions to leave the index unchanged. Among the more important commodities to advance were grains, raw rubber, potatoes, livestock, butter and cheese, while lower quotations ruled for fresh and cured meats, eggs, green coffee beans and tin ingots.

Industrial Material prices were buoyant also, the index, on the base August 1939=100, rising from 121.8 to 123.8. The Stable price series was unchanged at 118.3, while the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, increased from 124.3 to 127.6. Manufacturing Materials advanced from 122.5 to 125.8, as higher prices for raw rubber, linseed oil, rosin, raw cotton and Manila hemp outweighed a decrease in tin ingots, while Food Materials rose from 128.8 to 132.1, supported by wheat, oats and steers.

Canadian Farm Products continued upward, moving from 65.7 to 66.5. Field Products advanced from 51.8 to 53.0, influenced largely by grains, potatoes and onions, while Animal Products rose from 88.9 to 89.1, as a small reduction in eggs failed to offset an increase in livestock.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks ended November 8 and 15.

Increases: oats 10.0, shellac 8.5, potatoes 4.6, cheese 3.3, wheat 1.4, steers 1.4.  
Decreases: ~~eggs~~ 6.8, green coffee beans 3.6, fresh meats 0.6, cured meats 0.6, eggs 0.5.

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		Nov. 17	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 17	Nov. 8	Nov. 15		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	77.3	79.1	80.3	119.5	121.8	123.8		
Stable .....	12	93.0	104.6	104.6	105.5	118.3	118.3		
Sensitive .....	18	68.4	65.6	67.4	130.1	124.3	127.6		
Manufacturing .....	13	69.7	64.8	66.5	131.7	122.5	125.8		
Food .....	5	65.1	67.8	69.5	126.0	128.8	132.1		

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		Nov. 17	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15			
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	79.6	83.5	83.6	83.7	84.0			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	67.9	69.7	70.0	70.2	71.0			
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	80.0	80.9	81.0	81.5	81.5			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	77.2	83.8	83.8	83.8	83.9			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	84.8	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9			
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	101.4	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	86.3	90.9	90.9	90.9	90.9			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	82.1	90.3	90.3	90.3	90.2			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	64.8	65.0	65.0	65.7	66.5			

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