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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: coffee 6.8, green coffee beans 3.6, fresh meats 0.6, cured meats 0.6, eggs 0.5.

	No. of Price Series	1939 Nov. 17	1940 Nov. 8	1940 Nov. 15	1939 Nov. 17	1940 Nov. 8	1940 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

	No. of Price Series	1939 Nov. 17	1940 Oct. 25	1940 Nov. 1	1940 Nov. 8	1940 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