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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE FRICES, 1939-1940.

A reaction in Industrial Material prices reduced the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, from 122.2 for the week ending October 25 to 121.9 for the week ending November 1. The Stable price group remained at 118.3, but the Sensitive price series, including Lanufacturing and Food Materials, fell from 124.9 to 124.4. Recessions in tin ingots and raw silk outweighed advances in raw rubber and rosin to lower the Manufacturing Materials index from 122.7 to 122.5, while Food Materials declined from 130.7 to 129.5, due to decreases in oats, steers and hogs.

General Wholesale Commodities, on the other hand, rose from 83.5 to 83.6. Modest advances were made by Vegetable Products and Animal Products, but the remaining six major groups were unchanged. Milled feeds, potatoes, eggs and dairy products were among those commodities to move upward, while livestock, meats and raw silk displayed moderately weaker tendencies.

Canadian Farm Products were unchanged at 65.0. Field Product rose from 51.1 to 51.2, when an increase in potatoes proved of greater importance than a decline in onions, but Animal Products remained at 88.2, as a reduction in livestock was offset by advances in hides and eggs.

> Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks ended October 25 and November 1.

Increases: potatoes 5.4, butter 1.7, flour and milled products 1.2, eggs 0.9, hides 0.7, cheese 0.4, wheat 0.1.

green cocoa beans 7.4, raw silk 3.9, oats 3.8, fresh meats Decreases: 0.8, cured meats 0.4, steers 0.2, tin ingots 0.2.

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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY FRICES Chief Component Groups	567	79.0	83.	1 8	3.3	83.5	83,6
I. Vegetable Products	-	67.4 79.9	69. 79.	-	9.5	69.7 80.9	70.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper V. Iron and Its Products	49	74.0 84.2 100.6	91.	7 9	3.7 1.9 6.1	83.7 91.9 106.1	83.7 91.9 106.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Froducts	18	74.5	77.	7 7	7.7	77.7	77.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products		86.2	-	2	0.9	90.9	90.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.0	64.	2 6	4.6	65.0	65.0



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