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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

Advances cancelled declines in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics General Wholesale commodities index for the week ending December 6, and it remained at 84.1. From the last week in May, this index has been working gradually upward, and the present level is the highest reached since April, 1938. However, it still remains 3.6 points below the 1937 peak reached in July. Changes were largely confined to Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Textiles. Some of the more important commodities to advance were flour, livestock, milk, butter and raw cotton, while reductions were shown in grains, potatoes, hides, cheese and eggs.

Industrial Material prices were steady, for the most part, and the Bureau's index, on the base August 1939=100, remained at 123.1. The Stable price group continued at 118.0, and the Sensitive price series was unchanged at 126.7, as a small decrease in Manufacturing Materials was offset by an advance in Food Materials. The former declined from 125.3 to 125.0, because of decreases in raw rubber, raw cotton and resin, while Food Materials rose from 130.4 to 131.0, when advances in steers and hogs outweighed recessions in wheat and oats.

Canadian Farm Products were unchanged at 67.2. Field Products decreased from 52.8 to 52.4, when declines in grains and potatoes proved of greater importance than advances in onions and hay. Animal Products rose from 91.3 to 92.1, as reductions in hides and eggs exerted less influence than increases in livestock and poultry.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of
 November 29 and December 6.

Increases: steers 5.6, butter 2.6, hogs 1.3, raw cotton 1.1, fresh meats 0.9, flour 0.7.

Decreases: oats 4.3, eggs 3.1, green coffee beans 2.2, potatoes 1.3, hides 0.7, wheat 0.2.

	: No. of	: 1939 :		: 1940 :		: 1939 :		: 1940	
		: Price	: Dec.	: Nov.	: Dec.	: Dec.	: Nov.	: Dec.	
	: Series	: 8	: 29	: 6	: 8	: 29	: 6		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	77.5	79.5	79.5	119.8	123.1	123.1		
Stable	12	94.3	104.3	104.3	106.9	118.0	118.0		
Sensitive	18	68.0	66.9	66.9	129.5	126.7	126.7		
Manufacturing	13	68.0	66.3	66.1	128.6	125.3	125.0		
Food	5	68.1	68.6	69.0	131.8	130.4	131.0		
	: No. of	: 1939 :		: 1940					
	: Price	: Dec.	: Nov.	: Nov.	: Nov.	: Dec.			
	: Series	: 8	: 15	: 22	: 29	: 6			
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	80.8	84.0	84.0	80.1	84.1			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	70.3	71.0	71.1	71.2	70.7			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	80.3	82.0	82.5	82.5	82.8			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	79.4	83.9	83.9	83.9	84.1			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	84.8	91.6	91.7	91.7	91.7			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	101.9	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	86.5	90.8	90.8	90.8	90.8			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	83.5	90.2	90.2	90.1	90.1			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	67.8	67.2	67.1	67.2	67.2			

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