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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

General Wholesale commodities were firm during the week ending December 13, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base 1926=100, rose from 84.1 for the week ending December 6 to 84.3. This was a resumption of the movement begun in the last week of May and continued subsequently with irregular interruptions. Of the eight major groups comprising the index, Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Chemicals advanced, while Wood Products displayed a slightly easier tendency. Since the week of August 9, Animal Products have risen sharply from 76.1 to 83.8, but movements in the remaining groups have been relatively small.

Manufacturing Materials were somewhat weaker, and the Bureau's index, on the base August 1939=100, fell from 123.1 to 122.7. The Stable price series eased from 118.0 to 117.9, due to slightly lower prices for pulp, while the Sensitive price group declined from 126.7 to 126.0, as both Manufacturing and Food Materials moved lower. Reductions in rosin and raw cotton were responsible for depressing the former from 125.0 to 124.7, while Food Materials decreased from 131.0 to 129.4, because of recessions in oats, and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 67.2 to 67.4. Field Products advanced from 52.4 to 52.8, when increases in grains and hay outweighed declines in potatoes and onions, while Animal Products fell from 92.1 to 91.8, as increases in calves, lambs and hides failed to offset a reduction in eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of
 December 6 and December 13.

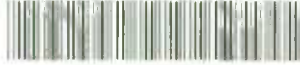
Increases: fresh meats 5.1, lambs 4.7, calves 4.4, butter 4.2, leather 3.3, shellac 2.9, wheat 0.9, cheese 0.9.

Decreases: oats 4.4, lard 3.8, eggs 3.2, potatoes 1.6, unbleached sulphite pulp 0.7, raw cotton 0.4, hogs 0.2.

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		Dec. 15	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 15	Dec. 6	Dec. 13		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	78.0	79.5	79.2	120.5	123.1	122.7		
Stable	12	94.9	104.3	104.2	106.9	118.0	117.9		
Sensitive	18	68.5	66.9	66.6	130.3	126.7	126.0		
Manufacturing	13	68.3	66.1	65.9	129.1	125.0	124.7		
Food	5	69.0	69.0	68.1	133.6	131.0	129.4		

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		Dec. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	81.2	84.0	84.1	84.1	84.3			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	71.3	71.1	71.2	70.7	70.9			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.9	82.5	82.5	82.8	83.8			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	80.6	83.9	83.9	84.1	84.1			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	85.2	91.7	91.7	91.7	91.6			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.0	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	86.6	90.8	90.8	90.8	90.8			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	83.5	90.2	90.1	90.1	90.2			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	68.7	67.1	67.2	67.2	67.4			

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