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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

Following eleven weeks of slow advance, in which an increase of 1.5 points was shown, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base 1926=100, receded slightly, changing from 84.3 for the week ending December 13 to 84.2 for the week ending December 20. Of the eight major groups comprising the index, Vegetable Products, alone, moved lower, while Animal Products, Textiles and Chemicals advanced. Grains reacted slightly, but livestock prices were firm, as reduced offerings offset to a large extent the usual seasonal slackening in demand. Butter continued to rise, while lower quotations ruled for cheese and eggs.

Industrial Material prices eased also, and the Bureau's index, on the base August 1939=100, dropped from 122.7 to 122.3. The Stable price group decreased from 117.9 to 117.8, influenced by lower quotations for crude oil, and the Sensitive price series fell from 126.0 to 125.3, as both Manufacturing and Food Materials declined. The former moved from 124.7 to 123.9, when an increase in beef hides failed to offset reductions in raw rubber and Manila hemp. Food Materials decreased from 129.4 to 129.0, as declines in wheat and oats outweighed advances in steers and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products receded from 67.4 to 67.0. Field Products fell from 52.8 to 52.3, when declines in grains and hay proved of more importance than increases in potatoes and onions. Animal Products decreased from 91.8 to 91.6, as reduction in eggs exerted a greater influence than advances in livestock and milk.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks  
 of December 13 and December 20.

- Increases: Rubber 5.7, chocolate and products 5.6, green coffee beans 1.7, potatoes 1.6, steers 1.0, hogs 0.6.
- Decreases: Manila hemp 16.7, eggs 4.7, oats 3.0, fish 2.7, wheat 1.4, cheese 1.3, oils and fats 1.1.

	No. of	1939		1940			
	Price	Dec. 22	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 22	Dec. 13	Dec. 20
	Series	(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	79.2	79.2	78.9	122.1	122.7	122.3
Stable .....	12	94.9	104.2	104.2	107.3	117.9	117.8
Sensitive .....	18	70.3	66.6	66.2	133.0	126.0	125.3
Manufacturing .....	13	69.8	65.9	65.5	132.4	124.7	123.9
Food .....	5	71.4	68.1	67.9	135.6	129.4	129.0

	No. of	1939		1940			
	Price	Dec. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	
	Series	(1926=100)		(1926=100)			

GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	82.1	84.1	84.1	84.3	84.2
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	72.9	71.2	70.7	70.9	70.7
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	80.0	82.5	82.8	83.8	83.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	82.0	83.9	84.1	84.1	84.3
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	85.2	91.7	91.7	91.6	91.6
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	102.6	106.1	106.1	106.1	106.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	76.3	77.7	77.7	77.7	77.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	86.7	90.8	90.8	90.8	90.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	84.6	90.1	90.1	90.2	90.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	70.3	67.2	67.2	67.4	67.0



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