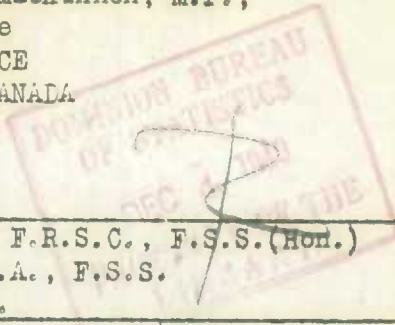


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

During the week ending November 29, wholesale commodity prices were slightly firmer and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base 1926=100, rose to 84.1 from 84.0 for the week ending November 22. The only major group to register an increase was Vegetable Products while Chemicals moved a little lower. The remaining six groups were unchanged. Among the more important commodities to advance were wheat, green coffee beans, potatoes, fresh meats, butter and shellac, while raw rubber, livestock, lard, eggs and tin ingots declined.

Continuing the modest reaction of the previous week, Industrial Material prices, on the base August 1939=100, eased from 123.2 to 123.1. The Stable price series remained at 118.0, but the Sensitive price series fell from 126.9 to 126.7, when a decline in Manufacturing Materials outweighed a rise in Food Materials. The former moved from 125.5 to 125.3, while Food Materials rose from 130.3 to 130.4.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 66.5 to 66.6. Increases in grains, potatoes, onions and hay changed Field Products from 52.6 to 52.8, but Animal Products declined from 89.8 to 89.7, due to weakness in livestock and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of  
 November 22 and 29.

Increases: green coffee beans 6.0, shellac 2.1, butter 1.3, wheat 1.0, potatoes 0.9, fresh meats 0.9.

Decreases: cured meats 2.6, lard 2.1, raw silk 1.0, raw cotton 0.8, eggs 0.6, hogs 0.5, steers 0.2.

	No. of Price Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Dec. 1	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Nov. 29	Dec. 1	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	77.2	79.6	79.5	119.4	123.2	123.1		
Stable .....	12	94.3	104.3	104.3	106.9	118.0	118.0		
Sensitive .....	18	67.7	67.0	66.9	128.8	126.9	126.7		
Manufacturing .....	13	68.2	66.4	66.3	128.9	125.5	125.3		
Food .....	5	66.3	68.6	68.6	128.3	130.3	130.4		

	No. of Price Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Dec. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Nov. 29		
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	80.2	83.7	84.0	84.0	84.0	84.1		
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products.....	155	68.3	70.2	71.0	71.1	71.1	71.2		
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	80.7	81.5	81.5	82.1	82.1	82.1		
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	78.8	83.8	83.9	83.9	83.9	83.9		
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	84.8	91.6	91.6	91.7	91.7	91.7		
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	102.0	106.1	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	77.7		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	86.5	90.8	90.8	90.8	90.8	90.8		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	83.4	90.3	90.2	90.2	90.2	90.1		
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	65.5	65.7	66.5	66.5	66.5	66.6		



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