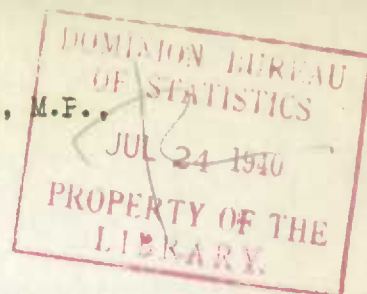


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

A four-week decline in Industrial Material prices was halted during the week of July 19 when the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index rose to 119.0 from 118.8 (August 1939-100). The Stable price group advanced from 113.4 to 115.0 due mainly to higher prices for imported coal but the sensitive price series declined from 122.6 to 121.5 with both sub-groups fractionally lower. Manufacturing Materials eased 0.8 to 118.8, slight gains for raw rubber being more than offset by losses for tin. Food Materials moved down from 130.4 to 128.9 owing chiefly to a 5.7 p.c. drop in the price of steers.

The index of General Wholesale Commodities on the base 1926=100 followed the same course as Industrial Materials and rose from 81.7 to 82.0 during this period.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 65.0 to 64.2 with field products at 53.2 showing a 1.3 p.c. drop, and animal products at 84.7, a loss of almost 1 p.c.

Weekly Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities

Increases: Olive Oil 11.7, hogs 1.1, hardwood 3.4, American anthracite coal 7.6, iodine 23.0.

Decreases: Fruit canned 3.8, potatoes 9.7, salt spring mackerel 17.5, steers 5.2, tin .8.

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940
	Price	July	July	July	July
	Series:	21	12	19	21
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)	
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	65.0	77.1	77.2	99.9
Stable .....	12	88.3	100.3	101.7	99.8
Sensitive .....	18	53.0	64.7	64.2	100.0
Manufacturing .....	13	52.8	63.2	62.8	99.4
Food .....	5	53.5	68.6	67.8	101.6
		118.8	119.0	113.4	115.0
		122.6	121.5	119.6	118.8
		130.4	128.9		

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940
	Price	July	June	July	July
	Series:	14	28	5	12
		(1926=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	72.8	81.6	82.2	81.7
Chief Component Groups					
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	60.3	70.6	72.2	70.5
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	71.4	76.9	77.0	77.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	66.5	83.5	83.3	83.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	77.1	87.9	88.4	88.4
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	97.4	102.6	102.6	102.6
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	68.5	76.5	76.3	76.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	84.6	88.7	88.7	88.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	77.6	85.7	85.8	87.1
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	63.1	64.2	65.8	65.0
		64.2			

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