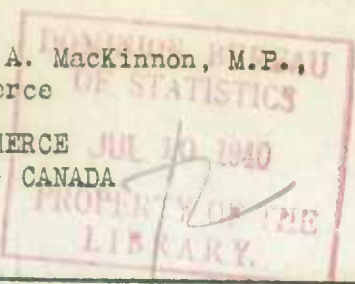


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

Industrial Material prices continued to move lower in the week ending July 5, and the Bureau's index, on the base August, 1939=100, fell to 119.1 from 119.9 for the preceding week. The Stable group rose from 112.9 to 113.4, supported by crude oil and unbleached sulphite pulp, but the Sensitive index dipped from 124.9 to 123.0, when a decline in Manufacturing Materials outweighed an increase in Food Materials. The former dropped from 123.6 to 120.7, under pressure by raw rubber, linseed oil, raw cotton, raw silk and tin ingots, while Food Materials advanced from 128.5 to 129.0, as reductions in wheat and steers failed to offset increases in oats and hogs.

General Wholesale Commodities were more buoyant, rising from 81.6 to 82.2. Of the eight major groups included in this index, Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Wood and Chemicals advanced while Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals moved lower.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 64.2 to 65.8. Strength in potatoes and grains was mainly responsible for advancing Field Products from 52.2 to 54.8, but Animal Products remained at 84.3, when a decline in livestock counterbalanced increases in hides and eggs.

Weekly Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities

Increases: grains 0.6, potatoes (new crop) 44.0, fresh meats 1.2, white pine 3.4, British Columbia fir 1.3.

Declines: livestock 0.8, raw rubber 4.5, raw cotton 2.0, raw silk 3.0, copper 0.6, tin 1.4.

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940		
	Price	July	June	July	June		
	Series:	7	28	5	7		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	65.7	77.9	77.3	100.5	119.9	119.1
Stable	12	88.3	99.8	100.3	99.9	112.9	113.4
Sensitive	18	53.5	66.0	65.0	100.9	124.9	123.0
Manufacturing	13	52.4	65.3	63.8	98.6	123.6	120.7
Food	5	56.6	67.6	67.9	107.5	128.5	129.0

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940	
	Price	July	June	June	July	
	Series:	7	14	21	28	
		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.2	81.8	81.5	81.6	82.2
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	61.4	71.1	70.4	70.6	72.2
II. Animals and Their Products	76	71.8	77.4	76.4	76.9	77.0
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.4	83.5	83.5	83.5	83.3
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.1	87.8	87.9	87.9	88.4
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	102.3	102.6	102.6	102.6
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	13	68.8	76.9	76.7	76.5	76.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.6	83.8	88.8	88.7	88.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.6	85.5	85.7	85.7	85.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.5	65.5	63.8	64.2	65.8

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