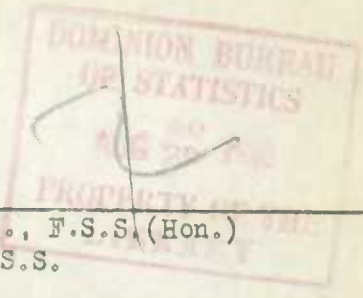


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-40.

Industrial Material price changes were relatively few during the week ending August 23, and the Bureau's index, on the base August 1939=100, was unchanged from the previous week at 121.0. Stable Materials remained at 116.8, while the Sensitive Materials price series rose from 123.9 to 124.0, as an increase in the Food section proved of slightly more importance than a decline in Manufacturing Materials. Higher quotations for wheat and hogs outweighed reductions in oats and steers to advance the former from 126.1 to 126.7, while Manufacturing Materials fell from 123.0 to 122.8, because of recessions in rubber, cotton and raw silk.

General Wholesale Commodities rose from 82.5 to 82.6. Of the eight major groups included in this index, Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals advanced, but Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals moved lower.

Canadian Farm Products were buoyant, rising from 62.3 to 62.8. Field Products changed from 49.9 to 50.4, supported by grains and potatoes, and Animal Products advanced from 83.1 to 83.5, when a reduction in hides failed to offset increases in livestock and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities between the Weeks ended August 16 and 23.

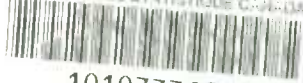
Increases: coffee, beans 5.0, eggs 2.6, imported copper wire bars 2.3, fresh meats 1.7, grains 1.0.

Decreases: tanning materials 33.1, vegetable oils 2.1, cocoa beans 1.5, raw silk 0.4, coal 0.3.

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Aug. 25	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)		(August 1939=100)	
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	65.1	x78.5	78.5	100.1	x121.0	121.0		
Stable	12	88.7	103.2	103.2	100.3	116.8	116.8		
Sensitive	18	53.0	x65.4	65.5	100.0	x123.9	124.0		
Manufacturing	13	52.6	x65.0	65.0	99.0	x123.0	122.8		
Food	5	53.9	66.3	66.7	102.5	126.1	126.7		
	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Aug. 25	Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)		(August 1939=100)	
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ...	567	72.7	x82.6	x82.5	x82.5	82.6			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	59.7	x70.5	x70.5	x69.8	70.2			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	70.1	76.4	76.1	76.5	76.8			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.5	x83.8	x83.8	x83.7	83.7			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper..	49	78.3	90.4	90.4	90.7	90.7			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	105.5	105.5	105.7	105.8			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.4	77.2	76.9	76.8	77.0			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.6	x90.1	x90.0	x90.2	90.1			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products..	77	77.6	x89.8	x89.9	x91.6	90.2			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.8	62.3	62.7	62.3	62.8			

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