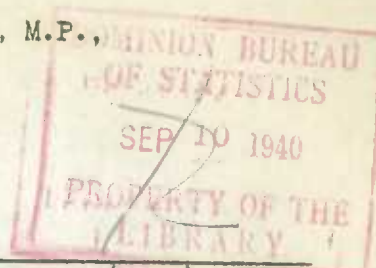


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

The week ending August 30 was the third in succession in which the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material prices, on the base August 1939=100, remained at 121.0. Individual commodity price changes were relatively few and, for the most part, of moderate proportions. An upward revision in the prices of British Columbia fir increased the Stable Price section from 116.8 to 117.3. Sensitive Material Prices declined from 124.0 to 123.5, when both Manufacturing and Food Materials displayed weakness. The former declined from 122.8 to 122.4, as reductions in raw rubber and cottonseed oil outweighed a rise in tin ingots, while Food Materials fell from 126.7 to 126.5, when small increases in wheat and oats failed to offset a decline in steers.

The General Wholesale Commodity index moved from 82.6 for the week ending August 23 to 82.7 for the week ending August 30. Animal Products, Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals advanced, while reductions predominated in Vegetable Products and Textiles.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 62.8 to 63.1. Field Products eased from 50.4 to 50.3, when a decline in potatoes overbalanced increases in grains and hay. Animal Products mounted from 83.5 to 84.4, as advances in hides and eggs proved of more importance than a reduction in livestock.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities between the Weeks ended August 23 and 30.

Increases: eggs 13.3, hides 9.6, tanning materials 2.3, cured meats 2.1, grains 0.4.

Decreases: potatoes 9.2, livestock 1.8, raw rubber 1.6, cotton 1.2, fresh meats 0.5.

	No. of Series	1939			1940		
		Sept. 1	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	Sept. 1	Aug. 23	Aug. 30
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	65.1	78.5	78.5	100.1	121.0	121.0
Stable	12	88.6	103.2	103.7	100.2	116.8	117.3
Sensitive	18	53.0	65.5	65.3	100.0	124.0	123.5
Manufacturing	13	52.9	65.0	64.7	99.6	122.8	122.4
Food	5	53.3	66.7	66.6	101.3	126.7	126.5
		(1926=100)			(1926=100)		
		1939			1940		
		Sept. 1	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	72.8	82.5	82.5	82.6	82.7	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.2	70.5	69.8	70.2	70.0	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	70.0	76.1	76.5	76.8	77.6	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.5	83.8	83.7	83.7	83.6	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	78.3	90.4	90.7	90.7	90.8	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	105.5	105.7	105.8	105.8	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.6	76.9	76.8	77.0	77.0	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.3	90.0	90.2	90.1	90.2	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	77.6	89.9	91.6	90.2	90.3	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.5	62.7	62.3	62.8	63.1	

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