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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941.

During the week ending January 10, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of general wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, remained at 84.3. Increases were predominant in the Vegetable Products, Textile and Chemical groups, but yielded place to reductions in Animal Products. Among the more important commodities to move higher were grains, vegetable oils, potatoes, fresh meats and raw cotton, while green coffee beans, livestock, butter and eggs declined.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 122.6 to 123.1. Stable Materials were unchanged at 117.8, but the Sensitive price series advanced from 125.9 to 126.8, as an increase in Manufacturing Materials outweighed a slight recession in Food Materials. Higher quotations for linseed oil and raw cotton raised the former from 123.8 to 125.0, while Food Materials eased from 131.4 to 131.3, as advances in wheat and oats failed to counteract reductions in steers and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 67.3 to 67.2. Field Products increased from 53.1 to 53.4, because of strength in grains, potatoes and onions, while Animal Products fell from 91.1 to 90.2, as decreases in livestock and eggs proved of more importance than advances in hides and wool.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks  
of January 3 and 10.

Increases: linseed oil 9.0, potatoes 4.0, raw cotton 3.1, fresh meats 1.5, oats 1.5, raw wool 0.9, cheese 0.5, wheat 0.4.

Decreases: eggs 10.9, butter 1.8, hogs 0.6, green coffee beans 0.4, steers 0.2.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	1940		1941		1940		1941	
		Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
		12	3	10	12	3	10	12	10
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	78.9	79.2	79.5	121.5	122.6	123.1		
Stable .....	12	94.8	104.2	104.2	107.3	117.8	117.8		
Sensitive .....	18	69.7	66.5	67.0	132.0	125.9	126.8		
Manufacturing .....	13	69.1	65.5	66.1	130.7	123.8	125.0		
Food .....	5	71.4	69.1	69.1	135.7	131.4	131.3		

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	1940			1941	
		Jan.	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.
		12	20	27	3	10
		(1926=100)				

GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	82.2	84.2	84.2	84.3	84.3
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	73.0	70.7	70.6	71.1	71.3
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	79.8	83.9	84.1	83.6	83.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	82.3	84.3	84.4	84.4	84.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	85.5	91.6	91.5	91.5	91.5
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	102.6	106.1	106.2	106.2	106.2
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	76.2	77.7	77.7	77.7	77.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	86.8	90.8	90.8	91.0	91.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	86.9	90.3	90.3	90.2	90.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	69.9	67.0	66.9	67.3	67.2

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