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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' general wholesale index, on the base 1926=100, was 84.6 for the week ending January 17, compared with 84.3 for the previous week. Increases predominated in Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Wood, Iron and Chemicals, but a slightly easier tendency developed in Textiles. Some of the more outstanding advances occurred for grains, livestock, vegetable oils, fresh meats, maritime spruce, scrap iron and paint materials, while raw rubber, potatoes, hides, eggs, raw cotton and cedar lumber receded.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, continued to rise, moving from 123.1 for the week ending January 10 to 123.6. Changes in the Stable price series were more extensive than usual, and this index rose from 117.8 to 118.6, supported by spruce lumber, iron ore and unbleached sulphite pulp. The Sensitive price group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, advanced from 126.8 to 127.1. A sharp increase in raw linseed oil proved sufficient to outweigh reductions in raw rubber and raw cotton and the Manufacturing Materials group moved from 125.0 to 125.1, while Food Materials rose from 131.3 to 132.2 on general strength in grains and livestock.

The Bureau's wholesale price index of Canadian Farm Products advanced from 67.2 to 67.4. Field Products rose from 53.4 to 53.7, when a decline in potatoes failed to offset higher quotations for grains, onions and hay. Animal Products remained at 90.2, as decreases in hides and eggs counteracted advances in livestock.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of January 10 and 17.

Increases: raw linseed oil 5.5, calves 5.4, lard 4.0, maritime spruce 3.2, steers 2.1. oats 1.8, fresh meats 1.7, scrap iron 1.7, wheat 0.3.

Decreases: eggs 4.8, green cocoa beans 4.2, cedar 3.6, raw rubber 1.9, raw cotton 1.2, potatoes 0.6.

:	No of	: 1940 : 1941		: 1940	: 1940 : 1941	
	Price		Jan. Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	
	Series	19	10 17	19	10	17
(1926=1				(Augu	st 1939:	=100)
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES		79.5	79.5 79.8	123.1	123.1	123.6
Stable		97.9	104.2 104.8 67.0 67.1	110.7	117.8	118.6
Manufacturing		69.0	66.1 66.1	130.5	125.0	127.1
Food		71.8	69.1 69.6	136.5	131.3	132.2
	No. of	:	1940 :	194	1	
	Price					Jan.
	Series	19	: 27 :	3 :	10 :	17
	(1926=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES Chief Component Groups	567	82.	4 84,2	84.3	84.3	84.6
I. Vegetable Products	135	73.		71.1	71.3	71.7
II. Animals and Their Products III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile	76	80.0	0 84.1	83.6	83.1	83.4
Products		82.:		84.4	84.6	84.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper		86.		91.5	91.5	91.7
VI. Non-Verrous Metals and Their Products		102.				106.3
VI. Non-Merrous Metals and Their Products VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their	18	76.0	77.7	77.7	77.7	77.7
Products		87.0		91.0	91.0	91.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	. ,	85.		90.2	90.7	62.2
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	70 .	3 66,9	67.3	67.2	67.4



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