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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Continued strength in wholesale commodity prices raised the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base 1926=100, from 84.6 for the week ending January 17 to 84.8 for the week ending January 24. Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Wood advanced, while Chemicals moved moderately lower. Compared with the corresponding week of August 1939, a general rise of 17.9 p.c. was shown. Increases in the major groups during this interval were greatest for Textiles, Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Wood, which rose 27.3 p.c., 24.7 p.c., 19.6 p.c. and 19.5 p.c. respectively, while Chemicals, Non-Ferrous Metals, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals increased 18.2 p.c., 11.2 p.c., 9.1 p.c. and 7.7 p.c.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, were firm, moving from 123.6 to 123.7 during the week ending January 24. The Stable price group was unchanged at 118.6, but the Sensitive price series rose from 127.1 to 127.4, as an increase in Food Materials outweighed a decline in Manufacturing Materials. The former changed from 132.2 to 134.0, when advances in steers and hogs proved of more consequence than reductions in wheat and oats. Manufacturing Materials receded from 125.1 to 124.8, when an increase in linseed oil failed to offset declines in raw rubber and rosin.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 67.4 to 67.6. Field Products rose from 53.7 to 53.8, influenced by higher quotations for potatoes and hay, while Animal Products mounted from 90.2 to 90.6, as an increase in livestock outpointed recessions in hides and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of January 17 and 24.

Increases: green coffee beans 6.6, flax 4.8, cured meats 4.5, furniture 4.0, steers 4.1, fresh meats 3.1, potatoes 2.4, hogs 1.6.
Decreases: soap 4.4, eggs 3.8, raw rubber 3.2, butter 1.2, hides 0.9, wheat 0.6.

	No. of	1940	1941	1940	1941		
	Price	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.		
	Series:	26	17	24	26		
				(1926=100)	(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	79.6	79.8	79.9	123.3	123.6	123.7
Stable	12	97.9	104.8	104.8	110.7	118.6	118.6
Sensitive	18	70.0	67.1	67.3	132.5	127.1	127.4
Manufacturing	13	69.0	66.1	66.0	130.5	125.1	124.8
Food	5	72.5	69.6	70.5	137.8	132.2	134.0

	No. of	1940	1941	1940	1941	
	Price	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	
	Series:	26	3	10	17	
				(1926=100)		
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	82.5	84.3	84.3	84.6	84.8
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	73.6	71.1	71.3	71.7	72.1
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.9	83.6	83.1	83.4	84.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	82.0	84.4	84.6	84.5	84.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	86.4	91.5	91.5	91.7	91.9
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.6	106.2	106.2	106.3	106.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	75.8	77.7	77.7	77.7	77.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.2	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	85.7	90.2	90.7	92.2	91.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	70.2	67.3	67.2	67.4	67.6

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