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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of General Wholesale Commodity Prices, on the base 1926-100, rose from 84.2 for the week ending December 27 to 84.3 for the week ending January 3. This was 2.0 points, or 2.4 p.c. above the week ending January 5, 1940, when the index stood at 82.3. Changes during the week were not numerous. Of the eight major groups included in the index, Vegetable Products and Non-Metallic Minerals advanced, while Animal Products and Chemicals moved lower. Among the more important commodities to show strength were wheat, oats, livestock, fresh meats, raw wool and crushed stone, but raw rubber, butter, eggs and shellac declined.

The Bureau's index of Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 121.9 to 122.6. The Stable group remained at 117.8, but the Sensitive price series, comprising Manufacturing and Food Materials, rose from 124.7 to 125.9. Manufacturing Materials mounted from 122.8 to 123.8, when a decline in raw rubber failed to offset increases in cottonseed oil, rosin and beef hides, and Food Materials advanced from 129.6 to 131.4, supported by wheat, oats and steers.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 66.9 to 67.3, recovering most of the ground lost in the previous two weeks. Compared with the corresponding week of last year, a decrease of approximately 4.4 p.c. was shown, due to lower prices for Field Products (61.0-53.1). Animal Products, on the other hand, advanced during the year (85.2-91.1).

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of
December 27 and January 3.

Increases: crushed stone 11.1, oats 4.7, hides 3.3, green coffee beans 2.8, wheat 1.4, steers 0.5.

Decreases: eggs 6.9, shellac 5.0, butter 3.0, raw rubber 0.4.

	: No. of :	1940		1941		1940		1941	
		: Price :	Jan. :	Dec. :	Jan. :	Jan. :	Dec. :	Jan. :	
	: Series :	5 :	27 :	3 :	5 :	27 :	3 :		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	79.1	78.7	79.2	122.0	121.9	122.6		
Stable	12	94.8	104.2	104.2	107.3	117.8	117.8		
Sensitive	18	70.2	65.9	66.5	132.9	124.7	125.9		
Manufacturing	13	69.7	64.9	65.5	131.8	122.8	123.8		
Food	5	71.4	68.2	69.1	135.7	129.6	131.4		
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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	82.3	84.3	84.2	84.2	84.3			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	73.1	70.9	70.7	70.6	71.1			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	80.0	83.8	83.9	84.1	83.6			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	82.5	84.1	84.3	84.4	84.4			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	85.5	91.6	91.6	91.5	91.5			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.7	106.1	106.1	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	90.8	91.0			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	86.9	90.2	90.3	90.3	90.2			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	70.4	67.4	67.0	66.9	67.3			

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