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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

General wholesale commodity prices continued to rise in the week ending October 10th, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, advanced from 93.3 for the week ending October 3rd to 93.7. Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Textiles moved higher, but a moderate reaction occurred in Chemicals. Increased prices were obtained for wheat, raw rubber, green coffee beans, cured meats, eggs and cotton thread, while oats, potatoes, steers, butter and cotton fabrics sold lower. The drop in cotton fabrics followed the granting by the United States Government of a subsidy on exports of raw cotton to Canada.

The index of Industrial Material prices, on the base August 1939=100, was unchanged at 141.4. The Stable price series remained at 124.7, while the Sensitive price group moved from 153.7 to 153.8, when an increase in Manufacturing Materials outweighed a decline in Food Materials. The former rose from 153.2 to 153.8, as rosin and raw rubber sold higher, but Food Materials fell from 155.0 to 153.6, when advances in wheat and hogs proved of less consequence than declines in oats and steers.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 74.3 to 74.4. Field Products mounted from 59.0 to 59.2, when reductions in potatoes and hay failed to offset advances in grains and onions. Animal Products rose from 99.8 to 99.9, largely because of increases in hides and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities
Between the Weeks of October 3rd and 10th

Increases: cotton thread, 13.9; eggs, 3.1; cured meats, 2.5; knit goods, 1.8; hides, 1.6; wheat, 1.5; green coffee beans, 1.2; raw rubber, 0.9.

Decreases: oats, 3.1; potatoes, 2.4; cotton fabrics, 2.1; lard, 2.1; steers, 2.0; butter, 1.3; flour and milled products, 0.5.

	:No. of:	1940		1941		1940		1941	
		:Price :	Oct.	Oct.	:Oct. :	Oct.	Oct.	:Oct. :	Oct.
	:Series:	11	: 3	: 10	: 11	: 3	: 10		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	78.2	91.7	91.7	121.1	141.4	141.4		
Stable	12	104.2	110.6	110.6	117.9	124.7	124.7		
Sensitive	18	65.1	80.9	80.9	123.3	153.7	153.8		
Manufacturing	13	63.7	80.7	81.0	120.5	153.2	153.8		
Food	5	68.8	81.5	80.8	130.7	155.0	153.6		
	:No. of:	1940		1941		1940		1941	
	:Price :	Oct.	: Sept.	:Sept. :	Oct.	Oct.	: Oct.	: Oct.	
	:Series:	11	: 19	: 26	: 3	: 10			
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	83.1	92.7	92.8	93.3	93.7			
Chief Component Groups:									
I. Vegetable Products	135	69.3	78.9	79.0	80.2	80.4			
II. Animals and Their Products .	76	79.7	97.7	98.1	98.4	100.6			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.9	96.4	96.2	96.2	96.3			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	91.7	98.2	98.2	98.3	98.3			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	106.0	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	77.7	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	90.8	98.1	98.1	98.9	98.9			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	90.5	100.8	101.9	102.0	101.7			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	74.2	73.1	72.9	74.3	74.4			

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