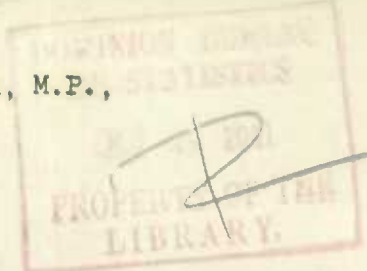


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

In the week ending October 24th/<sup>the</sup> Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of whole-sale commodity prices, on the base 1926=100, rose from 93.6 to 93.7, recovering the loss of the previous week. Moderate increases occurred in Animal Products, Textiles, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals, while Wood Products moved lower and Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals were unchanged. Among the more important commodities to advance were potatoes, rubber and its products, boots and shoes, hogs, eggs, woollen, worsted cloth yarns, hardware and soap, whereas lower quotations ruled for grains, steers, fresh meats, raw cotton and cedar shingles.

Industrial material prices eased fractionally during the week under review, the composite index for 30 commodities recording a decline of 0.3 to 140.4 (August, 1939=100). Lower grain prices in the food sub-section coupled with lesser decreases in the manufacturing series were responsible for the decrease, the stable group of 12 commodities being unchanged at 124.7.

The Canadian Farm Products wholesale prices index held unchanged for the week ended October 24th at an index level of 73.7. Field products declined 0.6 to 57.1 due to lower grain prices, while an advance of 1.1 to 101.5 in the animal products section reflected sharply higher egg prices coupled with a small advance for hides and skins.

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

Increases: eggs 9.0, tea, coffee cocoa and spices 7.2, soap 6.7, wool yarn 2.0, boots and shoes 1.2, hardware 0.9.

Decreases: cedar shingles 3.2, grains 1.2, fresh meats 0.7, raw cotton 0.7, steers 0.4.

	No. of Series	1940		1941			
		Oct. 25	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 17	Oct. 24
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	78.8	91.2	91.0	122.1	140.7	140.4
Stable .....	12	104.3	110.6	110.6	118.0	124.7	124.7
Sensitive .....	18	66.0	80.3	79.9	124.9	152.6	152.0
Manufacturing .....	13	64.9	80.6	80.5	122.7	153.1	152.8
Food .....	5	68.8	79.3	78.6	130.7	150.8	149.5
		(1926=100)		(1941)			
		1940		1941			
		Oct. 25		Oct. 3		Oct. 10	
		Oct. 17		Oct. 17		Oct. 24	
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	83.5	93.3	93.7	93.6	93.7	
Chief Component Groups:							
I. Vegetable Products .....	155	69.7	80.2	80.4	79.8	79.8	
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	80.9	98.4	100.6	100.5	101.0	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	83.8	96.2	96.3	96.7	96.8	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	91.5	98.3	98.3	98.4	98.2	
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	106.1	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.7	
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	98.9	98.9	99.1	99.2	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	90.3	102.0	101.7	102.4	103.4	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	65.0	74.3	74.4	73.7	73.7	

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