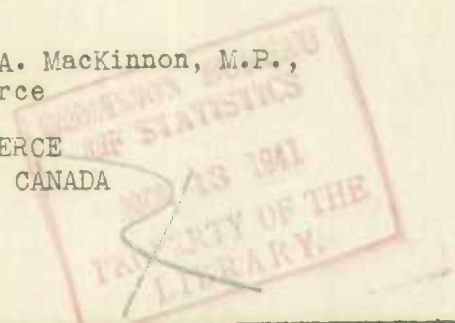


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Further increases in wholesale commodity prices raised the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, from 93.7 for the week ending October 31 to 94.0 for the week ending November 7. Increases occurred in Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Chemicals, while a moderate decline was shown in Textiles. Prices were marked up for wheat, potatoes, fish, butter, cheese and eggs, whereas lower quotations ruled for steers, oats, fresh meats, lard and cotton fabrics.

Following a gradual decline during the past three weeks, industrial material prices firmed, and this index, on the base August 1939=100, advanced from 140.1 to 140.2. The Stable group remained at 124.7, but the Sensitive group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, rose from 151.4 to 151.6. An increase in rosin was chiefly responsible for increasing the former from 152.1 to 152.4, while Food Materials declined from 149.4 to 149.2, as reductions in oats and steers outweighed an advance in wheat.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 73.4 to 74.0, which was 12.6 p.c. above the corresponding week of last year. Field Products mounted from 56.5 to 56.9, as a decrease in hay failed to offset higher prices for grains, potatoes and onions. Animal Products advanced from 101.7 to 102.5, when a sharp advance in eggs proved of greater importance than a decline in livestock.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between
the Weeks of October 31 and
November 7.

- Increases: eggs 7.0, potatoes 1.7, fish 1.3, wheat 0.6, butter 0.5, cheese 0.5.
- Decreases: fresh meats 1.4, lard 1.3, cotton fabrics 1.1, oats 1.1, steers 0.5.

	: No. of :	1940		1941		1941	
		: Price :		: Price :		: Price :	
		Nov. 8	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Oct. 31	Nov. 7
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	98.6	90.8	90.9	121.7	140.1	140.2
Stable	12	104.3	110.6	110.6	118.0	124.7	124.7
Sensitive	18	65.6	79.7	79.7	124.3	151.4	151.6
Manufacturing	13	64.8	80.1	80.3	122.5	152.1	152.4
Food	5	67.8	78.5	78.4	128.8	149.4	149.2

	: No. of :	1940		1941		1941	
		: Price :		: Price :		: Price :	
		Nov. 8	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 7
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	83.7	93.5	93.6	93.7	94.0	
Chief Component Groups:							
I. Vegetable Products	135	70.2	79.8	79.8	79.8	80.2	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	81.5	100.5	101.0	101.6	102.0	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.8	96.7	96.8	96.8	96.5	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	91.6	98.4	98.2	98.3	98.3	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	106.1	111.6	111.7	111.7	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	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.8	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	90.3	102.4	103.4	103.4	103.5	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.7	73.7	73.7	73.4	74.0	

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