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Price \$1.00 per year

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Wholesale commodity price changes were mostly small and mixed in the week ending November 14, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, continued at the previous week's level of 94.0. Seven of the eight major groups included in the index were unchanged, but Textiles moved 0.1 higher, influenced mainly by a moderate increase in raw cotton. Higher prices for wheat, butter, green cocoa beans and hay were realized also, while vegetable oils, potatoes, fresh meats, lard and eggs moved down.

The index of Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 140.2 to 140.7. The Stable group remained at 124.7, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, mounted from 151.6 to 152.5. Increases in rosin and raw cotton raised the former from 152.4 to 153.7, while Food Materials eased from 149.2 to 149.0, as a reduction in oats outweighed an increase in wheat.

The index for Canadian Farm Products was unchanged at 74.0. An increase in in Field Products, from 56.9 to 57.1, was offset by a recession in Animal Products, t which slipped from 102.5 to 102.4. In the former, grains and hay were firm while potatoes declined, but Animal Products reacted to weakness in livestock and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of November 7 and 14.

Increases: raw cotton 1.2, butter 1.0, wheat 0.7, hay 0.6, green cocoa beans 0.3.

Decreases: oats 2.0, vegetable oils 0.8, potatoes 0.7, fresh meats 0.7, eggs 0.4.

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INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	(:		0) (Au 91.2 123.		
Stable	12			110.6 118.		
Sensitive	18	67.4		80.2 127.		
Manufacturing	13	66.5	80.3	80.9 125.	8 152.4	153.7
Food	5	69.5	78.4	78.4 132.	1 149.2	149.0
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CENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	84.0	93.6	(1926=10 93.7	94.0	94.0
Chief Component Groups:	001	01.0	50.0		51 + U	DISU
I. Vegetable Products	135	71.0	79.8	79.8	80.2	80.2
II. Animals and Their Products	76	82.0	101.0	101.6	102.0	102.0
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Product		83.9			96.5	96.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper		91.6			98.3	98.3
V. Iron and Its Products VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their	44	106.1	111.7	111.7	111.7	111.7
Products	18	77.7	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their						
Products		90.8			98.8	98.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	90.2	103.4	103.4	103.5	103.5
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	67.2	73.7	73.4	74.0	74.0

