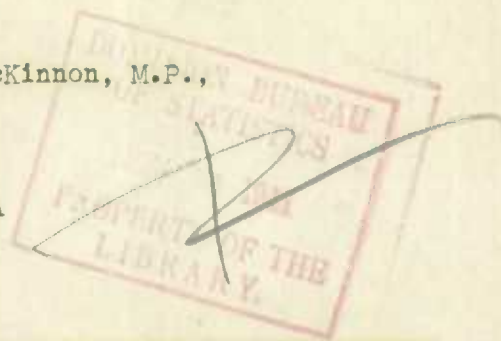


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Wholesale commodity prices were slightly easier in the week ending November 21, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, declined from 94.0 for the week ending November 14 to 93.9. Recessions proved of more importance in Vegetable Products and Animal Products, but in the Wood and Chemical groups increases were predominant. Outstanding among the commodities to decline were eggs, fresh meats, lard, raw cotton and wheat, whereas higher prices were asked for fish, potatoes, butter, vegetable oils and steers.

Decreases were more numerous in Industrial Materials, also, and this index, on the base August 1939=100, fell from 140.7 to 140.4. The Stable group remained at 124.7, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, dropped from 152.5 to 152.0. Weakness in raw cotton and rosin lowered Manufacturing Materials from 153.7 to 153.3, while Food Materials decreased from 149.0 to 148.5, as declines occurred in wheat, steers and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 74.0 to 73.7. This compared with 67.1 for the corresponding week in 1940. Field Products rose from 57.1 to 57.2, when supported by potatoes, but Animal Products declined from 102.4 to 101.4, as a sharp decrease in eggs outweighed advances in livestock, hides and milk.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks
of November 14 and 21.

Increases: fish 3.4, potatoes 2.4, green coffee beans 1.3, milk products 1.0, vegetable oils 0.9, steers 0.6.

Decreases: eggs 9.4, fresh meats 1.7, lard 1.3, raw cotton 0.5, wheat 0.5, green cocoa beans 0.3.

	: No. of :	1940:		1941		1940 :		1941		
		: Price :	Nov. :	Nov. :	Nov. :	Nov. :	Nov. :	Nov. :		
	: Series :	22 :	14 :	21 :	22 :	14 :	21 :			
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	79.6	91.2	91.1	123.2	140.7	140.4			
Stable	12	104.3	110.6	110.6	118.0	124.7	124.7			
Sensitive	18	67.0	80.2	80.0	126.9	152.5	152.0			
Manufacturing	13	66.4	80.9	80.7	125.5	153.7	153.3			
Food	5	68.6	78.4	78.1	130.3	149.0	148.5			
	: No. of :	1940 :		1941						
	: Price :	Nov. :	Oct. :	Nov. :	Nov. :	Nov. :	Nov. :			
	: Series :	22 :	31 :	7 :	14 :	21 :				
		(1926=100)								
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	84.1	93.7	94.0	94.0	93.9				
Chief Component Groups:										
I. Vegetable Products	135	71.1	79.8	80.2	80.2	80.0				
II. Animals and Their Products	76	82.5	101.6	102.0	102.0	101.6				
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.9	96.8	96.5	96.6	96.6				
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	91.7	98.3	98.3	98.3	98.4				
V. Iron and Its Products	44	106.1	111.7	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	90.2	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.6				
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	67.1	73.4	74.0	74.0	73.7				

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