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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Following a decline of 0.5 from the high of 94.0 reached in the week of November 14, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base of 1926=100, rose from 93.5 for the week ending December 12 to 93.7 for the week ending December 19. Advances were predominant in Vegetable Products, Wood, and Non-Metallic Minerals, while the remaining five groups were unchanged. Among the more important commodities to sell at higher prices were oats, potatoes, fish, butter, lard, hemlock, and coal. Lower prices ruled for wheat, green coffee beans, steers and eggs.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, advanced from 140.7 to 141.2. Firmer quotations for spruce lumber, and coal increased the Stable group from 124.7 to 125.6, while the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, rose from 152.5 to 152.7. Manufacturing Materials eased from 152.8 to 152.7, as quotations for raw cotton were shaded slightly, but Food Materials mounted from 151.6 to 152.4, when a decline in wheat was outweighed by advances in oats and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 74.2 to 74.3. Field Products were firm, rising from 58.7 to 59.0 when advances in potatoes and onions proved of more importance than reductions in grains and hay. Animal Products fell from 100.2 to 99.8, as increases in sheep skins and milk failed to offset declines in livestock and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the
Weeks of December 12 and 19.

Increases: potatoes 7.6, hemlock lumber 3.1, lard 2.8, oats 2.6, butter 1.0, fish 0.7
Decreases: eggs 3.6, steers 1.1, wheat 0.9, green coffee beans 0.6.

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		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES.....	30	79.3	91.2	91.6	122.3	140.7	141.2		
Stable.....	12	104.5	110.6	111.5	117.8	124.7	125.6		
Sensitive.....	18	65.9	80.2	80.3	125.3	152.5	152.7		
Manufacturing.....	13	65.3	80.4	80.4	123.9	152.8	152.7		
Food.....	5	67.8	79.7	80.1	129.0	151.6	152.4		
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		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES... 567		84.2	93.9	93.6	93.5	93.7			
Chief Component Groups:									
I. Vegetable Products..... 135		70.7	80.1	80.1	80.4	80.6			
II. Animals and Their Products.... 76		83.9	101.5	99.6	98.7	98.7			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products..... 85		84.3	96.6	96.0	96.0	96.0			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper. 49		91.6	98.4	98.3	98.3	98.7			
V. Iron and Its Products..... 44		106.1	+112.8	+112.8	+112.8	112.8			
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	98.9	99.2			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products. 77		90.3	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS..... 70		67.0	74.3	74.5	74.2	74.3			

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