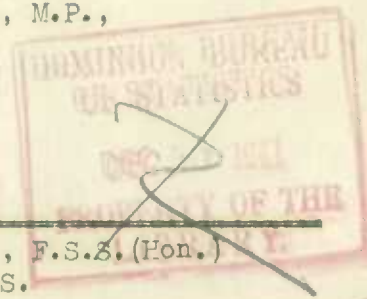


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Wholesale commodity prices were slightly easier in the week ending December 5 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, declined from 93.9 for the week ending November 28 to 93.6. Of the eight major groups comprising the index, Animal Products, Textiles and Wood moved lower, while the remaining five groups were unchanged. Some of the commodities showing reductions were potatoes, livestock, cured meats, milk products, lard, cotton fabrics and cedar shingles. Grain, fresh meats, eggs and raw cotton were firmer.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 140.4 to 141.0. Stable Materials remained at 124.7, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, advanced from 152.0 to 153.0. Higher prices for rosin and raw cotton increased Manufacturing Materials from 152.8 to 153.9, while Food Materials mounted from 149.6 to 150.4, largely because of strength in oats and steers.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 74.3 to 74.5. Field Products rose from 58.3 to 58.6, as an increase in grains outweighed declines in potatoes, onions and hay. Animal Products moved from 101.1 to 101.2, when advances in sheep skins and eggs proved of more consequence than a reduction in livestock.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks
of November 28 and December 5.

- Increases: raw cotton 3.5, oats 1.4, eggs 0.8, fresh meats 0.7, flour and milled products 0.7, wheat 0.6.
Decreases: lard 9.0, milk and its products 5.3, cotton fabrics 2.8, cedar shingles 2.6, potatoes 1.4, livestock 0.3, cured meats 0.3.

	:No. of :Price :Series:	1940		1941		1941	
		Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.
		6	28	5	6	28	5
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	79.5	91.0	91.4	123.1	140.4	141.0
Stable	12	104.3	110.6	110.6	118.0	124.7	124.7
Sensitive	18	66.9	79.9	80.5	126.7	152.0	153.0
Manufacturing	13	66.1	80.4	81.0	125.0	152.8	153.9
Food	5	69.0	78.7	79.1	131.0	149.6	150.4
		1940		1941		1941	
		Dec.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.
		6	14	21	28	5	5
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)		(1926=100)	
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	84.1	94.0	93.9	93.9	93.6	93.6
Chief Component Groups:							
I. Vegetable Products	135	70.7	80.2	80.0	80.1	80.1	80.1
II. Animals and Their Products	76	82.8	102.0	101.6	101.5	99.6	99.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	84.1	96.6	96.6	96.6	96.0	96.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	91.7	98.3	98.4	98.4	98.3	98.3
V. Iron and Its Products	44	106.2	*112.7	*112.7	*112.7	*112.7	*112.7
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	77.7	78.2	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	98.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	90.1	103.5	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	67.2	74.0	73.7	74.3	74.5	74.5

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