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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Advances offset declines in wholesale commodity prices during the week ending January 31, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926-100, remained at 84.8. This was 2.9 points below the 1937 peak and 2.5 points above the corresponding week of 1940. Vegetable Products and Textiles were the only groups to move upward, while Animal Products and Chemicals receded.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939al00, rose from 123.7 to 123.9. The Stable price group was unchanged at 113.6, but the Sensitive price series advanced from 127.4 to 127.7, when an increase in Manufacturing Materials proved of greater importance than a reduction in Food Materials. The former index mounted from 124.8 to 125.5, due mainly to higher quotations for raw rubber, cottonseed oil, rosin and tin ingots, while Food Materials fell from 134.0 to 133.3, as a moderate increase in hogs was not sufficient to counteract declines in oats and steers.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 67.6 to 67.4. Field Products were unchanged at 53.8, but Animal Products moved from 90.6 to 90.2, influenced largely by weakness in livestock, hides and eggs. Dressed fowl was higher.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of January 24 and 31.

Increases: vegetable oils 1.0, oats 0.7, lard 0.7, raw cotton 0.7, raw rubber 0.6, potatoes 0.4, cured meats 0.3.

Decreases: eggs 4.7, steers 1.7, butter 1.4, cheese 0.9, hides 0.9, green coffee beans 0.5.

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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	82.3	84.3	81+6	84°8	84.8
Chief Component Groups I. Vegetable Products II. Animals and Their Products	135 76	73.1 79.7	71.3 83.1	71.7 83.4	72.1 84.1	72°2 83°8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper Vo Iron and Its Products	85 49 44	81.8 86.5 103.0	91.5	84.5 91.7 106.3	91.9 3.06.3	91.9 106.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their	18	75.3	77.7	77.7	77.7	7707
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83 77	87°1 85°7	_	91.0	91.0	91.0
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	69.4	67.2	67.4	67.6	67.4

