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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Wholesale commodity prices rose still further in the week ending March 21, and the Bureau's index, on the base 1926=100, advanced from 85.7 for the week ending March 14 to 86.0. Increases predominated in Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Textiles, Wood and Chemicals, while Iron, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals were unchanged. Grains, raw rubber, livestock, butter, eggs, cotton fabrics, hardwoods, tin ingots and paints were some of the commodities to move higher, but lower quotations ruled for hogs, fresh meats and soap.

Firmness marked the industrial material price index also, which advanced from 126.7 to 127.1, on the base August 1939=100. The Stable price group remained at 119.5, whereas the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, mounted from 131.9 to 132.5. Higher prices for raw rubber, rosin, raw silk and tin ingots were of sufficient importance to move the index for Manufacturing Materials from 129.7 to 130.6, while Food Materials increased from 137.4 to 137.5, when a decline in hogs failed to offset advances in wheat, oats and steers.

Reflecting strength in both Field and Animal Products, the index for Canadian Farm Products moved up from 69.1 to 69.4. Field Products rose from 55.8 to 56.0, because of advances in grains, hay, potatoes and onions, while Animal Products increased from 91.4 to 91.9 supported by higher quotations for livestock, hides and eggs. In the corresponding week of last year, the Field Products was 62.9, while Animal Products stood at 85.1.

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

Increases: paints 6.3, raw silk 4.3, hardwoods 3.3, raw rubber 2.7,
 oats 0.8, cotton fabrics 0.6, steers 0.5, butter 0.5.

Decreases: soap 1.5, hogs 0.5, fresh meats 0.1.

	: No. of :	: 1940 :			: 1941 :		
		: Price :			: Price :		
		: Mar. :	: Mar. :	: Mar. :	: Mar. :	: Mar. :	: Mar. :
		22	14	21	22	14	21
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	78.9	82.2	82.4	122.2	126.7	127.1
Stable	12	98.5	106.0	106.0	111.4	119.5	119.5
Sensitive	18	68.7	69.4	69.7	130.0	131.9	132.5
Manufacturing	13	67.8	68.3	68.8	128.2	129.7	130.6
Food	5	70.9	72.3	72.3	134.7	137.4	137.5

	: No. of :	: 1940 :		: 1941 :		
		: Price :		: Price :		
		: Mar. :	: Feb. :	: Mar. :	: Mar. :	: Mar. :
		22	28	7	14	21
		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	83.2	85.3	85.5	85.7	86.0
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	74.9	72.5	72.9	73.4	73.9
II. Animals and Their Products	76	80.0	84.5	85.1	85.2	85.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.5	84.5	84.5	84.7	85.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	119	87.2	92.4	92.4	92.4	92.6
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.5	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	25	76.3	77.8	77.8	77.7	77.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.2	91.4	91.4	91.5	91.5
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	87.4	91.9	92.1	92.1	93.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	71.2	68.4	68.6	69.1	69.4

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