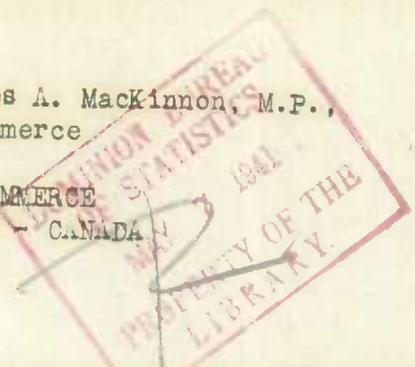


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Following a slight reaction in the previous week the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of wholesale commodity prices, on the base 1926=100, again moved forward in the week ending May 2, rising from 86.4 to 86.7. Advances predominated in Animal Products, Textiles, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals, while Vegetable Products recoded. Among the more important commodities to sell higher were vegetable oils, raw rubber, tea, fresh meats, eggs, cotton fabrics and gasoline, but grains, flour and milled products, potatoes, hides, livestock and butter weakened.

The index of Industrial Material prices, on the contrary, continued downward, decreasing from 128.4 for the week ending April 25 to 128.2 for the week ending May 2 (August 1939=100). The Stable group was unchanged at 119.1, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, fell from 135.0 to 134.7. Manufacturing Materials were buoyant, rising from 133.8 to 134.0, as declines in linseed oil and raw silk failed to offset increases in raw rubber, raw cotton and tin ingots, but Food Products dropped from 138.0 to 136.5, when reductions in wheat, oats and hogs proved of more importance than a moderate recovery in steers.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 69.4 to 69.2. Lower prices for grains and potatoes were mainly responsible for lowering Field Products from 55.8 to 55.4, while Animal Products eased from 92.5 to 92.4, when decreases in livestock and hides proved of more importance than increases in eggs and wool.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of April 25 and May 2.

- Increases: gasoline 18.1, tea 10.4, raw rubber 2.5, raw cotton 2.0, cotton fabrics 1.7, vegetable oils 0.9, eggs 0.9, fresh meats 0.3.
- Decreases: oats 5.6, hogs 2.3, potatoes 1.9, flour and milled products 1.7, hides 1.6, butter 0.2.

	No. of	1940		1941		1940		1941	
		Price		Price		Price		Price	
		Series	May	April	May	May	April	May	May
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	78.7	83.3	83.2	121.8	128.4	128.2		
Stable	12	99.4	105.6	105.6	112.5	119.1	119.1		
Sensitive	18	67.9	71.0	70.9	128.5	135.0	134.7		
Manufacturing	13	67.2	70.4	70.6	127.1	133.8	134.0		
Food	5	69.6	72.6	71.8	132.3	138.0	136.5		
		: No. of : 1940 :		1941					
		: Price : May :		April :		April :		May	
		: Series : 3 :		11 :		18 :		25 : 2	
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	83.0	86.5	86.5	86.4	86.7			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	76.0	75.7	76.0	75.7	75.6			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	76.7	85.2	84.2	84.2	84.5			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.6	85.4	85.7	85.6	86.4			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	87.5	92.4	92.5	92.5	92.5			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.3	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.6			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	76.3	77.8	77.7	77.7	77.7			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	91.5	91.7	91.7	93.8			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	85.6	93.4	94.9	95.5	95.5			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	71.6	69.5	69.5	69.4	69.2			

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