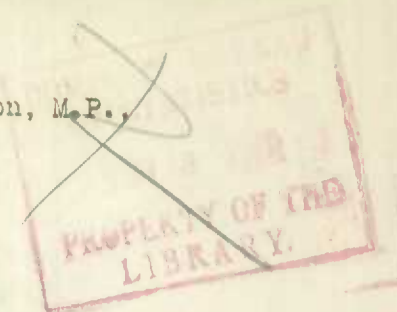


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

There was a further slight advance in wholesale commodity prices during the week ending May 30, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, rose from 88.5 for the week ending May 23 to 88.7. Increases were predominant in Animal Products, Textiles, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals, but Vegetable Products were somewhat easier. Outstanding among the commodities to move upward were livestock, meats, butter, cotton fabrics and tin ingots, while flour and milled products, raw rubber, green coffee beans, raw silk and scrap iron declined.

A slight reaction in Industrial Material prices lowered this index, on the base August 1939=100, from 133.7 to 133.6. A revision in spruce lumber raised the Stable price series from 124.8 to 125.3, but the Sensitive group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, decreased from 140.0 to 139.4. Manufacturing Materials fell from 140.3 to 139.2, when reductions in raw rubber and raw silk proved of greater importance than advances in resin, raw cotton and tin ingots. Food Materials rose from 139.2 to 139.7, as increases in steers and hogs outweighed recessions in wheat and oats.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 69.7 to 69.9. Field Products were unchanged at 55.4, while Animal Products advanced from 93.7 to 94.3, mainly because of higher quotations for livestock and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of May 23 and 30.

- Increases: eggs 5.1, fresh meats 2.2, cotton fabrics 1.7, hogs 1.4, tin ingots 1.2, steers 0.7.
- Decreases: raw rubber 4.1, green coffee beans 2.4, raw silk 0.5, scrap iron 0.4, flour and milled products 0.3.

		1940		1941		1940		1941	
		Price	Series	Price	Series	Price	Series	Price	Series
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
<b>INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES</b> .....		30	77.3	86.7	86.6	119.8	133.7	133.6	
Stable .....	12	99.5	110.7	111.1	112.5	124.8	125.3		
Sensitive .....	18	66.0	73.7	73.4	73.4	140.0	139.4		
Manufacturing .....	13	65.3	73.9	73.3	73.3	140.3	139.2		
Food .....	5	67.6	73.2	73.5	73.5	139.2	139.7		
		:No. of : 1940 :		1941					
		:Price : May :		May : May :		May : May :		May :	
		:Series: 31 :		9 :		16 :		23 :	
		:		:		:		:	
				(1926=100)					
<b>GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES</b> .....		567	81.7	87.7	88.0	88.5	88.7		
<b>Chief Component Groups</b>									
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	71.2	76.1	76.4	76.4	76.4	76.3		
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	76.5	84.5	85.0	85.8	85.8	86.7		
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	83.3	86.8	87.9	88.3	88.3	88.8		
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	87.7	94.8	94.8	95.4	95.4	95.4		
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	102.3	110.1	110.2	110.7	110.7	111.1		
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	76.8	77.9	78.1	78.1	78.1	78.1		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	88.3	94.3	94.5	95.9	95.9	96.0		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	85.4	97.0	98.3	99.7	99.7	100.0		
<b>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS</b> .....		70	65.8	69.4	69.7	69.7	69.9		

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