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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941.

The upward movement in wholesale commodity prices continued during the week ending June 27, and the Bureau's index, on the base 1926=100, rose from 89.8 for the week ending June 20 to 90.4. Advances predominated in Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Textiles and Iron, while the remaining four major groups were unchanged. Included among the commodities to move higher were grains, vegetable oil, potatoes, hogs, cured meats, raw cotton, knit goods and iron pipe, whereas lower quotations ruled for eggs, steers and ~~lamb~~.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, mounted from 135.3 to 136.6. The Stable group remained at 124.5, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, rose from 143.0 to 145.3. The former increased from 142.1 to 144.4, due to higher prices for raw rubber, cottonseed oil, rosin and raw cotton. Food Materials advanced from 145.2 to 147.5, as a reduction in steers failed to offset higher prices for wheat, oats and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products increased from 71.1 to 72.1. Field Products rose from 57.1 to 58.7, because of firmer prices for grains, hay and potatoes. A sharp jump in the potato index was caused by the arrival, in quantity, of new potatoes on some of the larger markets. Animal Products eased from 94.6 to 94.5, when a decline in eggs outweighed moderate advances in livestock and wool.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between  
the Weeks of June 20 and 27.

Increases: potatoes 27.1, oats 8.2, raw cotton 4.8, hogs 3.1, iron pipe 3.0, vegetable oils 3.0, knit goods 2.0, cured meats 1.6, raw rubber 1.4, butter 0.8.

Decreases: lamb 2.9, eggs 2.6, steers 0.3.

|  | : No. of : | : 1940 :   |        | : 1941 : |                   | : 1940 : |        | : 1941 : |        |  |
|--|------------|------------|--------|----------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--|
|  |            | : Price :  | June : | June :   | June :            | June :   | June : | June :   | June : |  |
|  | : Series : | 28 :       | 20 :   | 27 :     | 28 :              | 20 :     | 27 :   | 28 :     | 27 :   |  |
|  |            | (1926=100) |        |          | (August 1939=100) |          |        |          |        |  |
| INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....                       | 30         | 77.8       | 87.7   | 88.6     | 120.5             | 135.3    | 136.6  |          |        |  |
| Stable .....   | 12         | 100.4      | 110.5  | 110.5    | 113.6             | 124.5    | 124.5  |          |        |  |
| Sensitive .....  | 18         | 66.2       | 75.2   | 76.5     | 125.3             | 143.0    | 145.3  |          |        |  |
| Manufacturing .....                                    | 13         | 65.6       | 74.8   | 76.0     | 124.1             | 142.1    | 144.4  |          |        |  |
| Food .....   | 5          | 67.6       | 76.3   | 77.6     | 128.5             | 145.2    | 147.5  |          |        |  |
|  | : No. of : | : 1940 :   |        | : 1941 : |                   |          |        |          |        |  |
|  | : Price :  | June :     | June : | June :   | June :            | June :   | June : | June :   | June : |  |
|  | : Series : | 28 :       | 6 :    | 13 :     | 20 :              | 27 :     | 28 :   | 27 :     | 27 :   |  |
|  |            | (1926-100) |        |          |                   |          |        |          |        |  |
| GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES..                   | 567        | 81.6       | 89.0   | 89.3     | 89.8              | 90.4     |        |          |        |  |
| Chief Component Groups                                 |            |            |        |          |                   |          |        |          |        |  |
| I. Vegetable Products .....                            | 135        | 70.6       | 76.5   | 77.1     | 77.3              | 78.9     |        |          |        |  |
| II. Animals and Their Products ...                     | 76         | 76.9       | 87.7   | 88.5     | 89.6              | 90.0     |        |          |        |  |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile<br>Products .....    | 85         | 83.5       | 89.0   | 89.3     | 90.5              | 91.1     |        |          |        |  |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.                     | 49         | 87.9       | 95.4   | 95.4     | 96.1              | 96.1     |        |          |        |  |
| V. Iron and Its Products .....                         | 44         | 102.6      | 111.4  | 111.4    | 111.5             | 111.8    |        |          |        |  |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their<br>Products .....     | 18         | 76.5       | 78.1   | 78.1     | 78.1              | 78.1     |        |          |        |  |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their<br>Products ..... | 83         | 88.7       | 96.0   | 96.0     | 96.0              | 96.0     |        |          |        |  |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.                   | 77         | 85.7       | 99.2   | 99.2     | 99.5              | 99.5     |        |          |        |  |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....                           | 70         | 64.2       | 70.1   | 71.0     | 71.1              | 72.1     |        |          |        |  |

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