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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of wholesale commodity prices, on the base 1926=100, moved fractionally lower from 91.2 for the week ending July 18 to 91.1 for the week ending July 25. The decline was due mainly to a severe reduction in potato prices and the majority of changes were upward, with increases being shown by Animal Products, Textiles, Wood and Non-Metallic Minerals. Vegetable Products alone moved lower and no change occurred in indexes for Iron, Non-Ferrous Metals or Chemicals. Included among the more important commodities to decline were potatoes, bran, shorts, hides and green cocoa beans, while increases occurred in wheat, raw rubber, livestock, eggs, raw cotton, raw silk, cedar and petroleum products.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 137.7 to 139.2. The Stable group was unchanged at 124.5, but the Sensitive group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, mounted from 147.2 to 149.9. Higher quotations for cottonseed oil, raw cotton, raw silk and tin ingots raised the index for Manufacturing Materials from 147.4 to 150.8. Food Materials increased from 146.5 to 147.6, because of advances in wheat, oats, steers and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 72.7 to 71.8. Field Products moved from 58.5 to 56.9, as grains, potatoes, onions and hay declined, while Animal Products rose from 96.5 to 96.7, when increases in livestock and eggs proved of more consequence than reductions in hides, milk and wool.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between
the Weeks of July 18 and 25.

<u>Increases:</u>	raw silk 8.7, raw cotton 6.4, petroleum products 3.5, raw rubber 2.1, eggs 1.6, fresh meats 1.5, hogs 1.2, oats 1.0, steers 0.8, wheat 0.4.
<u>Decreases:</u>	potatoes 26.5, hides and skins 1.9, green cocoa beans 0.8, flour and milled products 0.7.

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	: Series:	: 26 :	: 18 :	: 25 :	: 26 :	: 18 :	: 25 :		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	78.4	89.3	90.3	121.5	137.7	139.2		
Stable	12	103.0	110.5	110.5	116.5	124.5	124.5		
Sensitive	18	66.0	77.4	78.9	124.9	147.2	149.9		
Manufacturing	13	65.4	77.6	79.4	123.6	147.4	150.8		
Food	5	67.5	77.1	77.6	128.3	146.5	147.6		

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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	82.7	90.3	90.6	91.2	91.1			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	71.7	78.1	78.4	79.3	78.1			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	77.0	91.0	91.8	93.3	93.8			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.9	91.0	91.6	92.2	92.9			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	90.3	96.1	96.1	96.2	96.5			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	103.0	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	76.8	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	90.0	96.1	96.1	96.2	97.1			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	89.8	99.7	99.8	100.2	100.2			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.5	71.3	72.0	72.7	71.8			

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