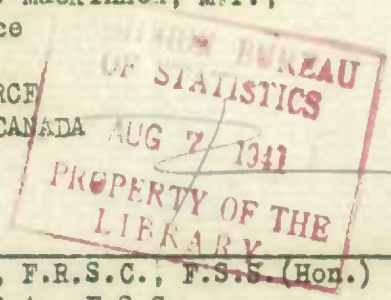


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

The general wholesale commodity price index of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics continued to move slightly lower from 91.1 for the week ending July 25 to 91.0 for the week ending August 1 (1926=100). The Vegetable Products and Textiles Product groups declined, while advances predominated in Animal Products and Non-Metallic Minerals. Flour prices were reduced when the tax of 15 cents per bushel was removed from wheat processed for use in Canada. Other commodities to sell lower included grains, green coffee beans, raw cotton, raw wool and tin ingots. Increases occurred in raw rubber, potatoes, leather, livestock, fresh meats, lard and plate glass.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, mounted from 139.2 to 139.3. The Stable price series remained at 124.5, but the Sensitive group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, rose from 149.9 to 150.1. The former advanced from 150.8 to 151.3, when declines in raw cotton and tin ingots failed to offset higher prices for raw rubber and beef hides. Food Materials fell from 147.6 to 146.8, as small increases in oats, steers and hogs were insufficient to counteract a drop in wheat.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 71.8 to 71.2. Field Products dropped from 57.0 to 55.7, when a decline in grains proved of more importance than increases in hay and potatoes. Animal Products rose from 96.7 to 97.1, as advances in livestock, hides and eggs outweighed a decrease in wool.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of July 25 and Aug. 1

Increases: lard 7.9, potatoes 4.7, hides 2.5, raw rubber 2.4, eggs 2.4, butter 1.0, fresh meats 0.9, steers 0.7.

Decreases: flour and milled products 8.5, wheat 3.7, raw cotton 2.3, tin ingots 1.1, green coffee beans 1.0, raw wool 0.8.

	No. of	1940	1941	1940	1941		
	Price	Aug.	July	Aug.	July		
	Series	2	25	1	2		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	77.5	90.3	90.3	120.1	139.2	139.3
Stable .....	12	103.0	110.5	110.5	116.5	124.5	124.5
Sensitive .....	18	64.7	78.9	79.0	122.5	149.9	150.1
Manufacturing .....	13	64.4	79.4	79.7	121.9	150.8	151.3
Food .....	5	65.3	77.6	77.2	124.1	147.6	146.8
	No. of	1940	1941	1940	1941		
	Price	Aug.	July	July	July	Aug.	
	Series	2	11	18	25	1	
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	82.6	90.6	91.2	91.1	91.0	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	70.5	78.4	79.3	78.1	76.9	
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	76.4	91.8	93.3	93.8	94.8	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	83.8	91.6	92.2	93.6	93.4	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	90.4	96.1	96.2	96.5	96.5	
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	105.5	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	77.2	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	90.1	96.1	96.2	97.1	97.2	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	89.8	99.8	100.2	100.2	100.2	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	62.3	72.0	72.7	71.8	71.2	

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