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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

General wholesale commodity prices stiffened slightly in the week ending August 8, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, rose from 91.0 for the week ending August 1 to 91.2. In Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Textiles, Iron and Chemicals advances were outstanding, but reductions outweighed increases in Non-Metallic Minerals. The more important commodities to move higher included grains, sheep skins, drugs and pharmaceuticals, eggs, lard, butter and raw cotton, while lower quotations ruled for livestock, potatoes, cured meats and tin ingots.

The Industrial Material price index declined, moving from 139.3 to 139.0 (August 1939=100). The Stable group was unchanged at 124.5, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, receded from 150.1 to 149.6. Manufacturing Materials fell from 151.3 to 150.3, when increases in rosin and raw cotton failed to offset reductions in linseed oil, beef hides and tin ingots. Food Materials mounted from 146.8 to 147.6, as advances in wheat and oats outweighed decreases in steers and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 71.2 to 71.5. Field Products advanced from 55.7 to 56.1, when higher prices for grains and hay proved of more importance than declines in potatoes and onions. Animal Products advanced from 97.1 to 97.4, largely due to increases in sheepskins, poultry and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the
Weeks of August 1 and 8.

Increases: Oats 5.6, drugs and pharmaceuticals 2.4, eggs 1.7, lard 1.4, butter 1.3, raw cotton 0.9, wheat 0.5.

Decreases: Hogs 1.9, potatoes 1.2, cured meats 0.9, steers 0.5.

	: No. of :	1940:			1941		
		: Aug. :	: Aug. :	: Aug. :	: Aug. :	: Aug. :	: Aug. :
	: Series :	9	1	8	9	1	8
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES.....	30	77.7	90.3	90.1	120.3	139.3	139.0
Stable.....	12	103.0	110.5	110.5	116.5	124.5	124.5
Sensitive.....	18	65.0	79.0	78.7	123.0	150.1	149.6
Manufacturing.....	13	64.5	79.7	79.1	122.0	151.3	150.3
Food.....	5	65.9	77.2	77.6	125.3	146.8	147.6

	: No. of :	1940		1941		
		: Aug. :	: July :	: July :	: Aug. :	: Aug. :
	: Series :	9	18	25	1	8
		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES....	567	82.5	91.2	91.1	91.0	91.2
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products.....	135	70.6	79.3	78.1	76.9	77.3
II. Animals and Their Products.....	76	76.1	93.3	93.8	94.8	95.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products.....	85	83.8	92.2	93.6	93.4	93.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper...	49	90.4	96.2	96.5	96.5	96.5
V. Iron and Its Products.....	44	105.5	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products.....	18	76.9	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products.....	83	90.0	96.2	97.1	97.2	97.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products...	77	89.9	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS.....	70	62.7	72.7	71.8	71.2	71.5

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