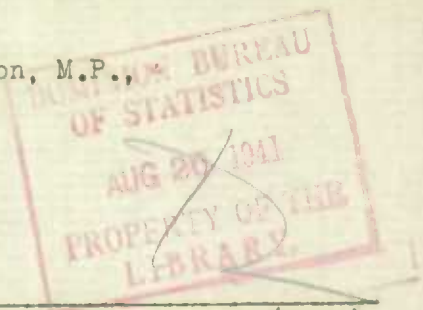


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941.

A further advance of 0.2 p.c. to a new eleven year peak of 91.4 occurred in the general index of wholesale prices during the week ended August 15. Mainly accounting for the increase were advances in grains, potatoes and fresh fruits in the vegetable products section; canned lobsters, shoes, cheese and eggs in the animal products group, and cotton fabrics and woollen cloth in the fibres, textiles and textile products group. Weekly index increases of 0.6 p.c. to 77.8 for vegetable products; 0.5 p.c. to 95.6 for animal products and 0.3 p.c. to 93.8 for fibres textiles and textile products were recorded. Non-metallic minerals moved fractionally higher to 97.2 reflecting advancing prices for United States anthracite coal, while the remaining four component groups held unchanged at 96.5 for wood, wood products and paper, 111.9 for iron and its products, 78.2 for non-ferrous metals and 100.8 for chemicals and allied products.

In the industrial material price index there was an increase of 0.3 p.c. to 139.4 (August, 1939=100) during the week ended August 15, due mainly to higher prices for wheat, oats and steers in the food sub-section. The index for this sub-group advanced from 147.6 to 149.9 between the weeks of August 8 and 15, while the manufacturing series of 13 commodities and the stable group of 12 commodities were unchanged at 150.3 and 124.5 respectively.

Canadian Farm Product prices moved up from 71.5 to 72.1 led by higher quotations for grains and potatoes in the field products section and eggs in the animal products group. The field products group advanced from 56.1 to 56.9 during the week under review while animal product prices moved up from 97.4 to 97.6.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of August 8 and 15

Increases: Cheese, large, colored 14.4, oranges 14.3, canned lobsters 8.3, potatoes 5.3, steers 3.4.
Decreases: Raw cotton 3.0, unmanufactured leather 2.5, hogs 1.3, prepared meats 1.3, fresh meats 0.7.

	No. of	1940	1941	1940	1941		
	Price	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.
	Series	16	8	15	16	8	15
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	77.6	90.1	90.4	120.2	139.0	139.4
Stable	12	103.5	110.5	110.4	117.1	124.5	124.5
Sensitive	18	64.6	78.7	79.0	122.3	149.6	150.3
Manufacturing	13	63.9	79.1	79.2	120.8	150.3	150.3
Food	5	66.3	77.6	78.8	126.1	147.6	149.9
	No. of:	1940		1941			
	Price :	Aug.	July	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	
	Series :	16	25	1	8	15	
		(1926=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	82.5	91.1	91.0	91.2	91.4	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products	135	69.9	78.1	76.9	77.3	77.8	
II. Animals and Their Products ..	76	76.5	93.8	94.8	95.1	95.6	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.7	93.6	93.4	93.5	93.8	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	90.9	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	105.7	111.8	111.8	111.9	111.9	
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	90.4	97.1	97.2	97.1	97.2	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	91.6	100.2	100.2	100.8	100.8	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	62.3	71.8	71.2	71.5	72.1	

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