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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Continuation of strength in vegetable products and animal products, coupled with scattered price increases in the fibres, textiles and textile products, wood products and the non-metallics group advanced the composite index of 567 price series 0.4 p.c. to 91.8 between the weeks of August 15 and 22. The vegetable products group index moved up 0.3 points to 78.1, as increases in grains, potatoes and onions more than offset a relatively sharp decline for fresh fruits. Animals and their products rose from 95.6 to 96.3, reflecting higher prices for livestock, fresh meats and milk products, while for fibres, textiles and textile products an increase of 0.4 to 94.2 was due principally to strength in raw cotton and cotton yarn and thread. A \$1.00 per M increase for spruce lumber lifted the wood, wood products and paper group fractionally higher to 96.6 while a strong advance of 0.6 to 97.8 for non-metallics reflected an unusual increase in china-ware prices and minor gains for gasoline and coal oil. Other groups were unchanged at 111.9 for iron and its products, 78.2 for non-ferrous metals and 100.8 for chemicals and allied products.

For industrial material prices, the composite index of 30 commodities advanced from 139.5 to 139.7 on the base August, 1939-100. The sensitive group of 18 commodities, paced by the rise in the food sub-section, moved up 0.4 to 150.7 during the week while the stable group of 12 price series remained at 124.7.

Canadian farm product prices rose 0.7 to a level of 72.8. In the field products section, higher prices for grains, potatoes, onions and hay advanced the index from 56.9 to 57.6 between August 15 and 22, while the animal products section moved up 0.7 to 98.3 on increases for livestock, hides and skins and fresh milk.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between  
the Weeks of August 15 and 22.

Increases: pottery 13.0, potatoes 4.0, cotton yarns and thread 2.0, raw cotton 1.6, fresh meats 1.2, milk products 1.1, grains 0.7, livestock 0.5.  
Decreases: fruits, fresh 6.7, tin ingots 0.2,

	:No. of :	: 1940 :		: 1941 :		: 1940 :		: 1941 :	
		: Aug. :		: Aug. :		: Aug. :		: Aug. :	
		: 23 :	: 15 :	: 22 :	: 23 :	: 15 :	: 22 :	: 23 :	: 15 :
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	77.7	90.4	90.6	120.3	139.5x	139.7		
Stable .....	12	103.5	110.6	110.6	117.1	124.7x	124.7		
Sensitive .....	18	64.7	79.0	79.3	122.6	150.3	150.7		
Manufacturing .....	13	63.9	79.2	79.2	120.9	150.3	150.4		
Food .....	5	66.7	78.8	79.5	126.7	149.9	151.1		
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		(1926-100)				(August 1939-100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES. 567		82.7	91.0	91.2	91.4	91.8			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	70.2	76.9	77.3	77.8	78.1			
II. Animals and Their Products ...	76	76.8	94.8	95.1	95.6	96.3			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	83.7	93.4	93.5	93.8	94.2			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.	49	90.9	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.6			
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	105.8	111.8	111.9	111.9	111.9			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	77.0	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	90.3	97.2	97.1	97.2	97.8			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.	77	90.2	100.2	100.8	100.8	100.8			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	62.8	71.2	71.5	72.1	72.8			

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