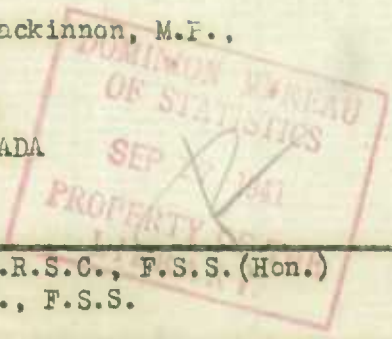


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

During the week ending September 12, firmer prices for Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Textiles and Chemicals advanced the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of wholesale commodity prices to 92.4 p.c. of the 1926 level, from 92.1 p.c. in the preceding week. Contributing to the increase were grains, milled feeds, potatoes, livestock, cheese, eggs and raw cotton, while reductions occurred in raw rubber, fresh meats, butter and raw wool.

An increase was shown also in Industrial Material prices, and this index mounted from 140.6 to 141.0 (August 1939=100). The Stable group was unchanged at 124.7, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, rose from 152.4 to 153.1. Manufacturing Materials advanced from 152.1 to 152.3, when weakness in raw rubber failed to offset an increase in raw cotton. Food Materials moved from 153.0 to 154.9, supported by higher quotations for wheat, oats and steers.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 72.8 to 73.8. Strength in grains, potatoes and hay moved the index for Field Products from 56.7 to 57.9. Animal Products advanced from 99.7 to 100.3, as increases in livestock, sheep skins and eggs outweighed a decline in raw wool. Since August 1939, Canadian Farm Products have moved from 58.4 to 73.8, an increase of approximately 26.4 p.c.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the
Weeks of September 5 and September 12.

Increases: oats 4.2, potatoes 3.9, hides and skins 3.8, raw cotton 2.9,
eggs 1.9, flour and milled products 1.1, wheat 1.0, steers 0.8.
Decreases: raw wool 1.8, butter 1.6, raw rubber 0.9, fresh meats 0.4.

	: No. of :	: 1940 :		: 1941 :			
		: Price :		: Price :			
		: Series:	Sept. 13	Sept. 5	Sept. 12		Sept. 13
			(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	77.5	+91.2	91.4	120.1	+140.6	141.0
Stable	12	103.5	110.6	110.6	117.1	124.7	124.7
Sensitive	18	64.5	+80.2	80.5	122.2	+152.4	153.1
Manufacturing	13	62.8	+80.1	80.2	118.9	+152.1	152.3
Food	5	69.0	80.4	81.4	131.0	153.0	154.9

	: No. of :	: 1940 :		: 1941 :		
		: Price :		: Price :		
		: Series:	Sept. 13	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	
			(1926=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	83.0	91.8	91.9	92.1	92.4
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	70.3	78.1	77.9	78.0	78.8
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.8	96.3	96.8	97.5	97.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.5	94.2	94.6	94.9	94.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	91.0	96.6	97.4	97.7	97.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	105.8	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
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	90.4	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	90.3	100.8	100.7	100.7	100.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.4	72.8	72.6	72.8	73.8

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