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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939.

The Industrial Materials index, on the base August 1939=100, advanced from 116.4 to 117.8 for the week ending October 20, thus more than recovering the loss of the previous week. The Stable group, bolstered by increases in spruce lumber, pulp and steel sheets, mounted from 102.6 to 104.3, while the Sensitive group moved from 126.7 to 127.6, as both Manufacturing and Food Materials displayed strength. The former rose from 131.5 to 131.7, largely due to firmness in wool and raw silk, and the latter stepped up from 115.0 to 117.6 on increases in wheat, oats and livestock. The Industrial Materials index, on the base 1926=100, advanced from 75.5 to 76.4.

The General Wholesale Commodity index rose from 78.0 to 79.0. Price changes were almost entirely upward and advances were made by all groups except Non-Ferrous Metals. Among the more important commodities to move higher were rice, leather, livestock, silk, British Columbia fir, scrap iron and coal, while grains, fresh meats and tin declined.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 63.6 to 64.7. Declines in grains and potatoes reduced the index for Field Products from 51.9 to 51.8, but Animal Products climbed from 83.2 to 86.4 as increases occurred in livestock, milk and eggs.

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		: Oct. 21 :	: Oct. 13 :	: Oct. 20 :	: Oct. 21 :	: Oct. 13 :	: Oct. 20 :	: Oct. 21 :	: Oct. 13 :
	: Series :	(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.0	75.5	76.4	99.1	116.4	117.8		
Stable	12	89.0	90.7	92.2	100.7	102.6	104.3		
Sensitive	18	51.4	66.9	67.4	98.0	126.7	127.6		
Manufacturing	13	51.4	69.5	69.7	96.7	131.5	131.7		
Food	5	51.7	60.5	61.9	101.3	115.0	117.6		

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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.	567	74.0	77.9	78.0	78.0	79.0			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.7	67.7	67.7	67.7	68.0			
II. Animals and Their Products ...	76	74.3	78.6	78.5	78.3	79.8			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.4	70.3	71.4	71.4	72.8			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.	49	77.2	81.5	81.5	81.6	83.9			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.1	99.5	99.6	99.6	100.5			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	73.2	74.6	74.6	74.9	74.9			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	33	86.5	84.8	84.8	84.7	85.3			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.	77	79.4	80.7	80.8	80.8	81.7			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.7	64.5	63.6	63.6	64.7			

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