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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939  
(1926=100)

After a slight check in the preceding week, Industrial Material prices strengthened during the week ending September 29, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index rose to 74.7, from 73.3 for the week ending September 22. Stable and Manufacturing Materials continued to rise, the former moving from 90.0 to 90.8, while the latter mounted from 64.1 to 66.9. Food Materials, however, declined still further, and the index dropped from 63.6 to 62.5. This compared with 52.0 for the week of August 18 and a peak of 71.7 for the week of September 15. Some of the more important commodities to advance were steers, rosin, raw cotton and steel sheets, but grains, raw rubber and copper weakened.

The General Wholesale Commodity index remained at 77.9. Reductions predominated in Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals while Animal Products, Textiles, Wood, Iron and Chemicals moved higher.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 65.4 to 64.5. Field Products decreased from 54.6 to 52.9, largely due to recessions in grains, whereas Animal Products rose from 83.4 to 83.8 when increases in livestock, hides and milk outweighed a drop in egg prices.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	1938		1939		
		Sept. : : 30	Sept. : : 8	Sept. : : 15	Sept. : : 22	Sept. : : 29
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	64.4	70.5	74.5	73.3	74.7
Stable .....	12	90.0	88.4	89.2	90.0	90.8
Sensitive .....	18	51.5	60.6	66.1	64.0	65.6
Manufacturing .....	13	50.2	58.6	64.0	64.1	66.9
Food .....	5	55.6	66.4	71.7	63.6	62.5
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	74.5	75.9	77.4	77.9	77.9
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	62.1	68.6	69.0	68.5	67.7
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	75.3	71.9	77.1	78.5	78.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	66.7	67.0	67.5	69.6	70.3
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	77.0	78.2	81.3	81.4	81.5
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	98.2	97.5	97.5	98.7	99.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	71.3	73.8	74.4	74.7	74.6
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	86.9	84.3	84.4	84.8	84.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	79.4	77.7	78.2	80.2	80.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	63.7	64.4	64.8	65.4	64.5

