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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, continued to rise during the week ending October 27 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index moved to 118.1 from 117.8 for the week ending October 20. The Stable group was unchanged at 104.3, but the Sensitive group advanced from 127.6 to 128.2, as an increase in Manufacturing Materials outweighed a reduction in Food Materials. The index for the former rose from 131.7 to 133.0, whereas that for the latter fell from 117.6 to 116.6. Among the commodities to move higher were steers, raw rubber, rosin, raw silk and hemp while wheat, oats and hogs daclined. Industrial Material Prices, on the base 1926=100, advanced from 76.4 to 76.6.

General Wholesale Commodity Prices remained at 79.0, when increases in Textiles, Wood, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals were offset by reductions in Vegetable Products, Animals and Non-Ferrous Metals. This level approximated that of the second week in July

Canadian Farm Products fell from 64.7 to 64.4. Field Products dropped from 51.8 to 51.1 under pressure by grains and potatoes, while Animal Products rose from 86.4 to 86.6, when advances in livestock, hides and milk outweighed decreases in eggs and raw wool.

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	Price Series		Oct. 28	: Oct. : 20	Oct.:	Oct. 28	Oct.	Oct.
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30		64.1	76.4	76.6	(Aug	117.8	,
						0001	11140	110.0
Stable	12		89.0	92,2	92.2	100.7	104.3	104.3
Sensitive	18		51,5	67.4	67.8	98.1	127.6	128.2
Manufacturing	13		51.9	69.7	70.4	97.7	131.7	133.0
Food	. 5		51.0	61.9	61.4	99.2	117.6	116.6
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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES Chief Component Groups	567		73.9	78.0	78,0	79	9.0	79.0
I. Vegetable Products	135		60.4	67.7	67.7	68	3.0	67.4
II. Animals and Their Products III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile	76		74.1	78.5	78.3	79	9.8	79.6
Products	85		66.6	71.4	71.4	72	8.8	73.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.	49		77.2	81.5	81.6		3.9	84.2
V. Iron and Its Products VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their	44		98.1	99.6	99.6			.00.6
Products	18		73.8	74.6	74.9	74	1.9	74.7
Their Products	83		86.3	84.8	84.7	85	5.3	86.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.	77		79.5	80.8	80.8		7	81.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70		63,8	63.6	63.6	64	1.7	64.4



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