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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939

After moderately declining for two weeks, Industrial Material prices rebounded in the week ending November 17, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, rose to 118.2 from 117.7. An increase in scrap iron raised the Stable index from 104.3 to 105.5, but the Sensitive index remained at 127.5, when an advance in Food Materials offset a decline in the Manufacturing group. The index for Food Materials rose from 114.8 to 116.9, as both grains and livestock moved higher, while that for Manufacturing Materials declined from 132.7 to 131.7, because of weakness in raw rubber, rosin, raw silk and tin.

The General Wholesale Commodity index advanced from 79.1 to 79.6. This was the highest point reached since July 1938. Six of the eight major groups were buoyant, while Wood and Non-Ferrous Metals were unchanged. Some of the more important commodities to show increases were canned fruits, grains, livestock, cheese, cloth, scrap iron and coal.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 64.1 to 64.8. Higher quotations for grains, potatoes and hay boosted Field Products from 50.7 to 51.5, while Animal Products rose from 86.4 to 87.0, when increases in livestock and eggs proved of greater consequence than a decline in hides.

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				(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.1	76.4	76.7	98.7	117.7	118.2		
Stable	12	88.5	92.2	93.4	100.7	104.3	105.5		
Sensitive	18	51.5	67.3	67.3	97.4	127.5	127.5		
Manufacturing	13	50.9	70.2	69.7	95.8	132.7	131.7		
Food	5	53.4	60.4	61.5	101.8	114.8	116.9		

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		(1926=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ...	567	73.6	79.0	79.0	79.1	79.6	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.4	67.4	67.4	67.5	67.9	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.4	79.6	79.9	79.5	80.0	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.5	73.7	74.0	74.7	77.2	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper..	49	76.7	84.2	84.2	84.2	84.2	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.2	100.6	100.6	100.6	101.4	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	72.5	74.7	74.5	74.5	74.5	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.3	86.2	86.2	86.2	86.3	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products..	77	79.4	81.7	81.7	81.8	82.1	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.5	64.4	64.0	64.1	64.8	

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