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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939

A reaction in Industrial Material prices lowered the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the basis August 1939=100, from 118.2 for the week ending November 17 to 117.7 for the week ending November 24. During the past five weeks fluctuations of this index have been confined within a .5 limit. Manufacturing Materials fell from 131.7 to 130.6, when fractional advances in gum rosin, raw cotton, raw silk and tin ingots failed to offset declines in raw rubber and Manila hemp. The Stable group was unchanged at 105.5, while Food Materials remained at 116.9, as an increase in steers nullified a recession in wheat.

The General Wholesale Commodity index, on the other hand, rose from 79.6 to 79.9. Five of the eight major groups registered increases, while Animal Products, Wood and Non-Ferrous Metals were unchanged. Among the more important commodities to move higher were fresh meats, cheese, raw wool, glass and paints, but potatoes, butter, eggs and tin declined.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 64.8 to 64.6. Field Products eased from 51.5 to 51.4 because of decreases in potatoes and hay, and Animal Products dropped from 87.0 to 86.7 when increases in livestock, hides, milk and wool were outweighed by a decline in eggs.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1938 :		: 1939 :		: 1938 :		: 1939	
		: Nov. :		: Nov. :		: Nov. :		: Nov. :	
		: 25	: 17	: 24	: 25	: 17	: 24	:	:
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	63.8	76.7	76.4	98.1	118.2	117.7		
Stable	12	88.5	93.4	93.4	100.1	105.5	105.5		
Sensitive	18	51.3	67.3	66.9	96.7	127.5	126.6		
Manufacturing	13	50.5	69.7	69.1	95.0	131.7	130.6		
Food	5	53.4	61.5	61.5	101.4	116.9	116.9		

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		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES..	567	73.5	79.0	79.1	79.6	79.9			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.1	67.4	67.5	67.9	68.0			
II. Animals and Their Products ...	76	73.3	79.9	79.5	80.0	80.0			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.4	74.0	74.7	77.2	78.7			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.	49	76.4	84.2	84.2	84.2	84.2			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.2	100.6	100.6	101.4	102.0			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	72.3	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.3	86.2	86.2	86.3	86.4			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.	77	79.4	81.7	81.8	82.1	82.6			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.4	64.0	64.1	64.8	64.6			

