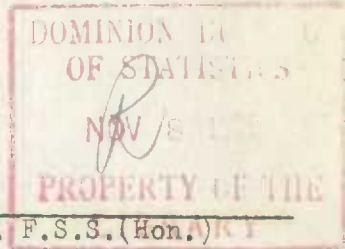


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938 - 1939.

A slight reaction in Industrial Material prices depressed the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, from 118.1 for the week ending October 27 to 117.9 for the week ending November 3. Weakness in Food Materials was again responsible for the decline, the food index falling from 116.6 to 115.0 as quotations for wheat, oats, steers and bacon hogs softened. Manufacturing Materials were firm, rising 0.1 to 133.1, while the Stable group was unchanged at 104.3. On the base 1926=100, the Industrial Material index eased from 76.6 to 76.5. During the first two weeks of September the advance in Food Materials exceeded that of Manufacturing Materials but subsequently the latter group continued irregularly upward while Food Materials reacted sharply. The net increase in Food Materials from September 1 to November 3 has been 13.5 p.c., whereas the advance of Manufacturing Materials has netted 33 p.c. during the same interval.

The General Wholesale Commodity Price index stood at 79.0 for the third successive week. Vegetable Products were steady, recessions cancelling increases, but Animal Products and Textiles rose while Non-Ferrous Metals moved down. Chief among the commodities to display strength were vegetable oils, cheese, raw silk, raw wool and tin, while grains, potatoes, livestock, raw cotton and silver declined.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 64.4 to 64.0. Field Products dipped from 51.1 to 50.6, and Animal Products moved from 86.6 to 86.5. Indexes for the corresponding week of last year were 64.1, 53.7 and 81.6 respectively.

	No. of	1938	1939	1938	1939
	Price	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Oct.: Nov.
	Series	4	27	3	4 : 27 : 3
			(1926=100)	(August 1939=100)	
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	63.8	76.6	76.5	98.6 118.1 117.9
Stable	12	89.1	92.2	92.2	100.7 104.3 104.3
Sensitive	18	51.2	67.8	67.5	97.2 128.2 127.7
Manufacturing	13	51.1	70.4	70.4	96.3 133.0 133.1
Food	5	51.5	61.4	60.5	99.7 116.6 115.0

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	Price	Nov.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct. : Nov.
	Series	4	13	20	27 : 3
			(1926=100)		
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	73.6	78.0	79.0	79.0 79.0
Chief Component Groups					
I. Vegetable Products	135	59.6	67.7	68.0	67.4 67.4
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.9	78.3	79.8	79.6 79.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.4	71.4	72.8	73.7 74.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	77.2	81.6	83.9	84.2 84.2
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.1	99.6	100.5	100.6 100.6
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	72.9	74.9	74.9	74.7 74.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.4	84.7	85.3	86.2 86.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ..	77	79.5	80.8	81.7	81.7 81.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.1	63.6	64.7	64.4 64.0

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