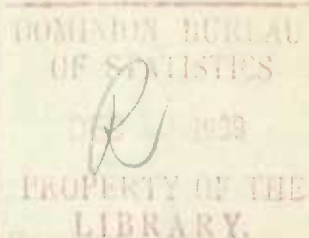


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939

Industrial Material price movements were mixed in the week ending December 8, but the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base August 1939=100, moved from 118.0 for the week ending December 1 to 118.4, as advances in Food Materials outweighed declines in Manufacturing Materials. Grains were sharply higher, influenced by crop news and a fair export demand, and together with livestock boosted the index for Food Materials from 119.0 to 122.3. Manufacturing Materials, on the contrary, fell from 128.9 to 128.5, when higher quotations for raw cotton and silk failed to offset decreases in raw rubber, cottonseed oil, rosin, hemp and tin ingots. This index completed the fifth successive week of decline, whereas the index for Food Material reached the highest point since mid-September.

The General Wholesale Commodity index mounted from 80.2 to 80.8. Vegetable Products, Textiles, Wood and Chemicals were buoyant, but Animal Products declined. Among the commodities to move higher were grains, livestock, cotton fabrics and shellac, while lower quotations ruled for raw rubber, cured meats and eggs.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 65.5 to 67.8. Field Products moved up from 53.2 to 56.5, and Animal Products advanced from 86.2 to 86.6.

	: No. of	: 1938 :		: 1939 :			
		: Price	: Series	: Dec. :	: Dec. :	: Dec. :	: Dec. :
		: 9	: 1	: 8	: 9	: 1	: 8
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	63.8	76.6	76.9	98.1	118.0	118.4
Stable	12	88.5	94.6	94.5	100.1	106.9	106.9
Sensitive	18	51.3	66.6	67.0	96.8	126.1	126.8
Manufacturing	13	50.0	68.2	68.0	94.0	128.9	128.5
Food	5	55.0	62.6	64.3	104.5	119.0	122.3

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		(1926=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.3	79.6	79.9	80.2	80.8	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.1	67.9	68.0	68.3	70.3	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.1	80.0	80.0	80.7	80.3	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.3	77.2	78.7	78.8	79.4	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.4	84.2	84.2	84.7	84.8	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.1	101.4	101.3	101.3	101.9	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	71.2	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.2	86.3	86.4	86.5	86.5	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.3	82.1	82.6	83.4	83.5	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.4	64.8	64.6	65.5	67.8	

