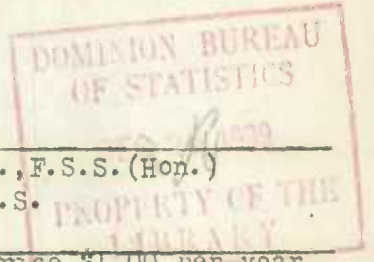


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939

For the third successive week Industrial Material prices moved moderately higher and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 118.4 for the week ending December 8 to 118.9 for the week ending December 15. The Stable group remained at 106.9, but Food Materials continued strong and mounted from 122.3 to 123.8, as rising quotations for grains outweighed slight declines in livestock. An upturn occurred in Manufacturing Materials, which advanced from 128.5 to 129.0, when decreases in rosin, hemp and tin ingots failed to offset strength in rubber, raw cotton and raw silk. Raw silk markets have been increasingly active of late, and authoritative quarters believe the recent sharp advance to be due largely to fears of unsettled conditions following the expiration of the American-Japanese trade treaty. Adverse crop reports from both the Argentine and South-Western United States were credited with exercising a considerable influence upon grain price movements.

The General Wholesale Commodity index rose from 80.8 to 81.2. Vegetable Products, Textiles, Wood, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals were buoyant, but reductions predominated in Animal Products. Some of the more important commodities to move higher were grains, molasses, cotton goods, woollens and steel sheets, while fish and eggs weakened. This index was approximately 13 p.c. above the mid-August level.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 67.8 to 68.7. Field Products moved up 1.6 to 58.1, while Animal Products eased from 86.6 to 86.5. Comparative figures for the corresponding week of last year were 64.5, 53.7 and 82.5 respectively.

	No. of	1938			1939		
	Series	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
		16	8	15	16	8	15
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	63.8	76.9	77.1	98.2	118.4	118.9
Stable	12	88.3	94.5	94.5	99.8	106.9	106.9
Sensitive	18	51.4	67.0	67.4	97.1	126.8	127.6
Manufacturing	13	50.1	68.0	68.3	94.4	128.5	129.0
Food	5	54.9	64.3	65.2	104.3	122.3	123.8

	No. of	1938		1939		
	Series	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
		16	24	1	8	15
		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ...	567	73.4	79.9	80.2	80.8	81.2
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.2	68.0	68.3	70.3	71.3
II. Animals and Their Products	76	72.9	80.0	80.7	80.3	79.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.3	78.7	78.8	79.4	80.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	76.3	84.2	84.7	84.8	85.1
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.1	101.9	101.9	101.9	102.0
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	71.7	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.3	86.4	86.5	86.5	86.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	79.2	82.6	83.4	83.5	83.5
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.5	64.6	65.5	67.8	68.7

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