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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939

The sharpest advance since early in October sent the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, from 118.9 for the week ending December 15 to 120.7 for the week ending December 22. The Stable group was unchanged at 106.9, but the Sensitive group, comprising both Manufacturing and Food Materials, increased from 127.6 to 130.9. Numbers of increases and decreases in Manufacturing Materials were fairly evenly divided, but with advances dominant, and the index rose from 129.0 to 132.0. Food Materials continued strong with wheat, oats, steers and hogs moving into higher ground, and this index mounted from 123.8 to 128.0. Of late, Food Materials have risen more rapidly than other groups and the present level indicates an increase of over 10 p.c. in the past six weeks.

The General Wholesale Commodity index advanced from 81.2 to 82.1, as all of the eight major groups moved upward. This was the highest point touched since April 1938. Some of the more important commodities to show increases were grains, flour, livestock, raw silk, cloth, pig iron, lead and British Columbia forest products, while lard, cheese, eggs and raw cotton declined.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 68.7 to 70.3. Grains were largely responsible for increasing the index for Field Products from 58.1 to 60.7, but Animal Products were unchanged at 86.5.

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INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	7.0	(1926=100)	(Au	igust 193	9=100)
	30	64.0		98.4	118.9	120.7
Stable	12	88.1		99.6	106.9	106.9
Sensitive	18			97.6	127.6	130.9
Manufacturing	13	50.3	68.3 69.8	94.9	129.0	132.0
	5	55.3	65.2 67.4	105.2	123.8	128.0
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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES Chief Component Groups	567	73.2	80.2	80.8	81.2	82.1
I. Vegetable Products	135	59.9	68.3	70.3	71.3	72.9
II. Animals and Their Products	76	72.8		80.3		80.0
Products	85	66.4	78.8	79.4	80.6	82.0
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and Their	44	98.1		101.9		
and Their	18	71.7	74.5	74.5	74.5	76.3
	83	86.3	86.5	86.5	86.6	86.7
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	70	64.8	65.5	67.8	68.7	70.3

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