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## WETKKI INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICTS, 1938-1939

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of Iudustrial Materisl Frices, on the base August $1939=100,0.3$ higher to 11.8 .0 in the week ending December 1 , to recover part of the loss of the previous week. Increases in the Stable and Food Meterial groups outweiched roductions in Vainufacturing Naterials. A sharp abuance in crude oil raised the Stabie inder inom 105.5 to 106.9 , and Food Materials mounted from 116.9 to 119.0 , as general strength was shown by both grains and livestock. In the Manufacturing group, price changes ware fairiz numerous, although mixed and mostly of small proportions. The index fell from $130: 6$ to 128.9 , as buoyancy in raw cotton and raw silk proved of less consequence then declines in linseed oil, rosin, hides and hemp.

The Ceneral Wholesale Commodity index continued to advance, rising from 79.9 to 80.2. Six of the eight major groups moved higher, while Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals were unchanged. The better grades of eggs dropped sharply durine the week, and raw wool, hides and potatoes were weaker also. Reductions were few as compared with advances, however, occurred in grains, livestock, meats, furniture and petroleum products, among others.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 64. $\varepsilon$ to 65.5 . Field Products increased from 51.4 to 53.2 , but Ainmal Froducts fell from 83,7 to 86.2 . Comparative figures for the correspondity week of last year were $64,5,53.8$ and 92.4 respectively.


