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## WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, moved 0.3 higher to 118.0 in the week ending December 1, to recover part of the less of the previous week. Increases in the Stable and Food Material groups outweighed reductions in Manufacturing Materials. A sharp advance in crude oil reised the Stable index from 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 were fairly 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 than 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 during 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 64.6 to 65.5. Field Products increased from 51.4 to 53.2, but Animal Froducts fell from 83.7 to 86.2. Comparative figures for the corresponding week of last year were 64.5, 53.8 and 82.4 respectively.

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INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	63.5	76.4	76.6	97.7	117.7	118.0			
Stable	12	88.5	93.4	94.6						
Sensitive	18	51.0		66.5			126.1			
Manufacturing	13	50.1	69.1							
Food	5	53.4	61.5	62.6	101.4	116.9	119.0			
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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES Chief Component Groups	567	73.4	79.1	79.	6	79.9	80.2			
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.0	67.5	67	9	68.0	68.3			
II. Animals and Their Products III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile		73.2	79.5	80.	,0	80.0	80.7			
Products	85	66.4	74.7	77.	.2	78.7	78.8			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper		76.4	84.2	84.	,2	84.2	84.7			
V. Iron and Its Products VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their		98.2	100.6	101	,4	102.0	102.0			
Products	18	71.4	74.5	74	5	74.5	74.5			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their	83	85.2	85,2	86.	.3	85.4	86.5			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products		79.3				82.6	83.4			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.5	54.1	64	.8	64.6	65.5			

