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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939  
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices declined further from 64.7 for the week ending March 31 to 64.1 for the week ending April 7. This marked a drop of 0.8 in the past two weeks, and was 3.3 below the corresponding week of last year. The Stable group remained at 87.8, but the Sensitive index fell from 52.7 to 52.0, as reductions occurred in both of its component groups. Manufacturing Materials were sharply lower moving from 51.3 to 50.5 because of decreases in cottonseed oil, rosin, raw cotton, raw wool and several of the non-ferrous metals, while the index for Food Materials dropped from 56.7 to 56.2 as increases in raw sugar and steers failed to offset recessions in wheat and hogs.

The index for General Wholesale Commodity Prices decreased from 73.3 to 73.2. Vegetable Products and Wood moved higher, but Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals declined. Chief among the commodities to exhibit strength were raw sugar, potatoes and British Columbia fir and cedar, while recessions occurred in grains, rosin, livestock, meats, raw wool and copper.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 65.4 to 65.3. Field Products advanced from 55.6 to 55.8 due mainly to the continued sharp rise in potatoes, but weakness in livestock, hides, wool and eggs reduced the index for Animal Products from 81.7 to 81.3

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1938 :		: 1939		
		: April	: Mar.	: Mar.	: Mar.	: April
		: 8	: 17	: 24	: 31	: 7
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	67.4	64.5	64.9	64.7	64.1
Stable .....	12	93.8	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.8
Sensitive .....	18	54.1	52.6	53.0	52.7	52.0
Manufacturing .....	13	48.3	51.2	51.4	51.3	50.5
Food .....	5	73.0	56.2	57.3	56.7	56.2
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	83.3	73.1	73.2	73.3	73.2
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	85.7	60.1	60.8	61.1	61.3
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	79.9	73.7	73.4	73.0	72.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	67.8	65.9	65.8	65.7	65.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	79.1	76.1	76.0	76.2	76.3
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	103.4	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	70.2	70.0	70.4	70.3	70.0
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	86.9	85.7	85.2	85.1	85.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	80.6	78.3	77.9	77.9	77.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	84.0	65.0	65.3	65.4	65.3



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