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

After declining for three successive weeks the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices staged a mild recovery and rose from 64.1 for the week ending April 7 to 64.3 for the week ending April 14. The Stable index was unchanged, but the Sensitive index advanced from 52.0 to 52.3 as upturns took place in both the Manufacturing and Food Material groups. A sharp rise in raw silk, combined with more moderate increases in cottonseed oil and tin, proved the dominant influence in the Manufacturing group and carried this index from 50.5 to 50.6, despite declines in raw rubber, rosin, lead, copper and zinc. The Food Materials group was somewhat more buoyant and advanced from 56.2 to 56.9, as higher quotations for wheat, oats, raw sugar and hogs out-balanced a reduction in steers.

The weighted index for General Wholesale Commodity Prices was firmer also, moving from 73.2 to 73.3. Only two of the eight major groups comprising the index showed change. Vegetable Products mounted from 61.3 to 61.5, due largely to increases in grains, raw sugar and potatoes, while Non-Ferrous Metals fell from 70.0 to 69.3, because of weakness in copper, lead and zinc.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 65.3 to 65.5. Field Products climbed from 55.8 to 56.0, when increases in grains, potatoes, onions and hay outweighed a slight fall in the price of straw. Animal Products moved from 81.3 to 81.5, as declines in eggs and hides failed to offset advances in livestock, poultry and wool.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1938		: 1939		
		: Apr. : 15	: Mar. : 24	: Mar. : 31	: Apr. : 7	: Apr. : 14
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	67.5	64.9	64.7	64.1	64.3
Stable	12	92.9	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.8
Sensitive	18	54.7	53.0	52.7	52.0	52.3
Manufacturing	13	48.9	51.4	51.3	50.5	50.6
Food	5	73.4	57.3	56.7	56.2	56.9
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	83.0	73.2	73.3	73.2	73.3
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	85.1	60.8	61.1	61.3	61.5
II. Animals and Their Products	76	80.0	73.4	73.0	72.6	72.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	67.8	65.8	65.7	65.7	65.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	78.9	76.0	76.2	76.3	76.3
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.5	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	71.0	70.4	70.3	70.0	69.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.7	85.2	85.1	85.1	85.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.4	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	83.6	65.3	65.4	65.3	65.5

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