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

The firmer tone appearing on wholesale commodity markets in the week ending April 14 continued and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices rose from 64.3 to 64.8 for the week ending April 21. The Stable group was unchanged at 87.8, but the Sensitive index advanced from 52.3 to 52.9, as both the Manufacturing and Food Materials groups moved higher. The former mounted from 50.6 to 51.1 in response to increases in rubber, cotton, silk, lead and tin, while the latter jumped from 56.9 to 57.9, as higher quotations ruled for wheat, raw sugar, steers and hogs. The Manufacturing Materials index stood at 2.0 above the corresponding week of last year, but the Food Materials index showed a drop of 14.1, or almost 20 p.c., during the same period. The Stable index was lower also, registering a loss of 4.9.

The index for General Wholesale Commodity Prices advanced from 73.3 to 73.4. Increases occurred in Vegetable Products, Textiles, Wood, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals, while recessions were more numerous in Animal Products and Non-Metallic Minerals. Among the more important commodities to move higher were grains, raw sugar, potatoes, eggs, cotton, scrap iron and tin, while livestock, fresh meats, butter, cheese and coke declined.

Canadian Farm Products firmed from 65.5 to 65.6. Field Products rose from 56.0 to 56.1, due largely to buoyancy in potatoes, but Animal Products eased from 81.5 to 81.4 as decreases in livestock and hides proved of slightly greater importance than an advance in eggs.

	: No. of :	: 1938 :		: 1939 :		
		: Price :				
	: Series:	Apr. :	Mar. :	Apr. :	Apr. :	Apr. :
		: 22 :	: 31 :	: 7 :	: 14 :	: 21 :
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	67.5	64.7	64.1	64.3	64.8
Stable	12	92.7	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.8
Sensitive	18	54.6	52.7	52.0	52.3	52.9
Manufacturing	13	49.1	51.3	50.5	50.6	51.1
Food	5	72.0	56.7	56.2	56.9	57.9
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	82.4	73.3	73.2	73.3	73.4
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	83.8	61.1	61.3	61.5	62.0
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.0	73.0	72.6	72.6	72.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	67.8	65.7	65.7	65.7	65.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	78.2	76.2	76.3	76.3	76.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.5	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.9	70.3	70.0	69.3	69.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.7	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.4	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	82.5	65.4	65.3	65.5	65.6

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