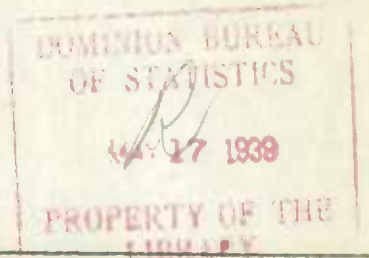


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
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The tone of Industrial Material Prices continued firm in the week ending May 12, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index rose to 65.5 from 65.0 for the week ending May 5. Movements of this index have been narrow for the greater part of the past year, and this week's level was the highest since last July. The Stable group was unchanged at 87.8, but the Sensitive group mounted from 53.2 to 53.8, as advances occurred in both the Manufacturing and the Food Material indexes. The former stepped up from 51.2 to 51.6, as a decline in copper failed to offset increases in raw rubber, rosin, raw cotton, wool, raw silk, lead and zinc, while the latter rose from 58.6 to 59.9, when a sharp reaction in raw sugar proved of less consequence than strength in grains and livestock.

The index for General Wholesale Commodity Prices stood at 73.7, unchanged from the previous week. Vegetable Products advanced, but Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals declined. Some of the more important commodities to show increases were grains, livestock, fresh meats, raw cotton and lead, while raw sugar, potatoes, milk products, cotton fabrics and copper receded.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 65.2 to 65.4. Field Products continued at 56.0, as gains in hay and straw were cancelled by a drop in onions, while Animal Products advanced from 80.7 to 81.1, when higher quotations for livestock, hides and wool outweighed a reduction in poultry.

	No. of Series	1938		1939		
		May 13	April 21	April 28	May 5	May 12
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	66.9	64.8	64.8	65.0	65.5
Stable	12	92.7	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.8
Sensitive	18	53.7	52.9	52.9	53.2	53.8
Manufacturing	13	48.1	51.1	51.0	51.2	51.6
Food	5	71.9	57.9	58.2	58.6	59.9
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	80.8	73.4	73.5	73.7	73.7
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	79.8	62.0	62.7	63.4	63.6
II. Animals and Their Products	76	77.7	72.1	71.4	71.5	71.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	67.7	65.8	65.8	65.9	65.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	78.0	76.5	76.5	76.6	76.6
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.4	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.6	69.5	69.9	69.4	69.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.6	85.0	84.9	84.9	84.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.4	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	78.1	65.6	65.6	65.2	65.4

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Province	1981	1980	% Change
Canada	25,226,000	24,958,000	1.2%
Ontario	10,833,000	10,703,000	1.0%
Quebec	7,000,000	6,928,000	1.0%
Alberta	2,500,000	2,450,000	2.0%
Saskatchewan	1,000,000	980,000	2.0%
Manitoba	1,200,000	1,180,000	1.7%
British Columbia	3,700,000	3,650,000	1.4%
Atlantic	2,000,000	1,950,000	2.6%