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

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices remained at 64.8 for the week ending April 28. The Stable group stood at 87.8, for the tenth consecutive week, while the Sensitive group continued at 52.9, as a slight reaction in Manufacturing Materials was offset by an upward revision in Food Material prices. The former eased from 51.1 to 51.0, while the latter moved from 57.9 to 58.2.

The index of General Wholesale Commodity prices was slightly more buoyant, rising from 73.4 to 73.5. Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals moved higher, while Animal Products and Non-Metallic Minerals receded. Firmer quotations ruled for grains, raw rubber, sugar, raw cotton and copper, but declines occurred in livestock, meats, raw wool and coal.

The Canadian Farm Products index was unchanged at 65.6. Field Products mounted from 56.1 to 56.2, as advances in grains and onions outweighed decreases in potatoes and hay. Animal Products fell from 81.4 to 81.2, when an increase in hides proved of less consequence than reductions in livestock, eggs and wool.

	No. of	1938	1939			
	Price					
Series	April	April	April	April	April	April
	29	7	14	21	28	
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	67.0	64.1	64.3	64.8	64.8
Stable	12	92.7	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.8
Sensitive	18	53.9	52.0	52.3	52.9	52.9
Manufacturing	13	48.5	50.5	50.6	51.1	51.0
Food	5	70.9	56.2	56.9	57.9	58.2
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	81.5	73.2	73.3	73.4	73.5
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	81.6	61.3	61.5	62.0	62.7
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.0	72.6	72.6	72.1	71.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile						
Products	85	67.7	65.7	65.7	65.8	65.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	78.2	76.3	76.3	76.5	76.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.5	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their						
Products	18	70.2	70.0	69.3	69.5	69.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their						
Products	83	86.6	85.1	85.1	85.0	84.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.4	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	79.9	65.3	65.5	65.6	65.6

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