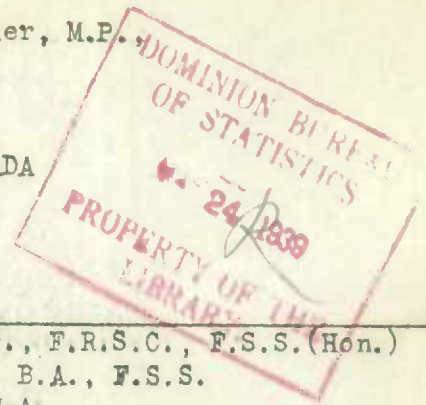


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939  
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Wholesale commodity markets weakened in the week ending May 19 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices fell from 65.5 for the week ending May 12 to 65.1. The index for the Stable group moved from 87.8 to 87.6, as reductions occurred in steel sheets and crude oil, while the Sensitive index dropped from 53.8 to 53.4, when decreases were shown in both component groups. The index for Manufacturing Materials slipped from 51.6 to 51.5, as declines in raw rubber, cottonseed oil, lead, zinc and copper outpointed increases in resin, raw cotton and raw silk. The Food Materials index broke from 59.9 to 58.6, because of weakness in wheat, oats, steers and hogs.

The index for General Wholesale Commodity Prices turned lower, as well, moving from 73.7 to 73.6. Textiles and Wood Products were moderately stronger, but the other six groups lost ground. Among the commodities to register gains were hides, raw cotton, raw silk and furniture, while grains, livestock, dairy products, steel sheets, coal and copper were marked down.

Canadian Farm Products receded from 65.4 to 65.2. Field Products remained at 56.0, but Animal Products sagged from 81.1 to 80.6, when reductions in livestock and eggs proved of more importance than a rise in hides.

	No. of Price Series	1938		1939		
		May 20	April 28	May 5	May 12	May 19
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	65.5	64.8	65.0	65.5	65.1
Stable .....	12	90.6	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.6
Sensitive .....	18	52.8	52.9	53.2	53.8	53.4
Manufacturing .....	13	46.7	51.0	51.2	51.6	51.5
Food .....	5	72.6	58.2	58.6	59.9	58.6
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	80.3	73.5	73.7	73.7	73.6
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	79.0	62.7	63.4	63.6	63.4
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	77.7	71.4	71.5	71.3	71.0
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	67.7	65.8	65.9	65.9	66.3
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	77.1	76.5	76.6	76.6	76.8
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	101.5	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	68.0	69.9	69.4	69.3	69.0
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	87.1	84.9	84.9	84.9	84.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	80.4	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	77.5	65.6	65.2	65.4	65.2

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