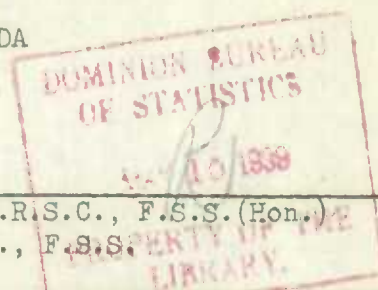


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939  
(1926=100)

Wholesale commodity markets continued predominantly buoyant, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices rose from 64.8 for the week ending April 28 to 65.0 for the week ending May 5. Price changes in the Stable group were too small to move the index which remained at 87.8, but the Sensitive group advanced from 52.9 to 53.2, as both Manufacturing Materials and Food Materials showed strength. The Manufacturing Materials index advanced from 51.0 to 51.2, when increases in raw rubber, cottonseed oil, raw cotton, raw silk and tin proved of more consequence than declines in rosin, lead, zinc and copper. The Food Materials index mounted from 58.2 to 58.6 as decreases in livestock failed to offset higher prices for grains and sugar.

Advances in General Wholesale Commodity Prices occurred over a wider range than in the preceding week and the index rose from 73.5 to 73.7. Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Textiles and Wood moved higher while Non-Ferrous Metals receded. Included in the commodities to advance were grains, sugar, fresh meats, raw silk and Maritime spruce, while potatoes, livestock, eggs and copper declined.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 65.6 to 65.2. Field Products decreased from 56.2 to 56.0, when a reduction in potatoes outweighed an increase in grains, and Animal Products dropped from 81.2 to 80.7, due to declines in the quotations for livestock and eggs.

|  | : No. of : | : 1938 :  |           | : 1939 : |       |       |       |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
|  |            | : Price : | : Series: | May      | April | April | April |
|  |            |           | 6         | 14       | 21    | 28    | 5     |
| INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....                       | 30         | 66.8      | 64.3      | 64.8     | 64.8  | 65.0  |       |
| Stable .....   | 12         | 92.7      | 87.8      | 87.8     | 87.8  | 87.8  |       |
| Sensitive .....  | 18         | 53.6      | 52.3      | 52.9     | 52.9  | 53.2  |       |
| Manufacturing .....                                    | 13         | 48.0      | 50.6      | 51.1     | 51.0  | 51.2  |       |
| Food .....   | 5          | 71.6      | 56.9      | 57.9     | 58.2  | 58.6  |       |
| GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....               | 567        | 81.0      | 73.3      | 73.4     | 73.5  | 73.7  |       |
| Chief Component Groups                                 |            |           |           |          |       |       |       |
| I. Vegetable Products .....                            | 135        | 80.2      | 61.5      | 62.0     | 62.7  | 63.4  |       |
| II. Animals and Their Products .....                   | 76         | 77.6      | 72.6      | 72.1     | 71.4  | 71.5  |       |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile<br>Products .....    | 85         | 67.7      | 65.7      | 65.8     | 65.8  | 65.9  |       |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....                | 49         | 78.0      | 76.3      | 76.5     | 76.5  | 76.6  |       |
| V. Iron and Its Products .....                         | 44         | 102.5     | 97.4      | 97.5     | 97.5  | 97.5  |       |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their<br>Products .....     | 18         | 69.9      | 69.3      | 69.5     | 69.9  | 69.4  |       |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their<br>Products ..... | 83         | 86.6      | 85.1      | 85.0     | 84.9  | 84.9  |       |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....              | 77         | 80.4      | 77.9      | 77.9     | 77.9  | 77.9  |       |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....                           | 70         | 78.5      | 65.5      | 65.6     | 65.6  | 65.2  |       |

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