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

A slight rise of 0.1 during the week of June 23 brought the index for Industrial Materials back to the early June level of 65.2. Grains for timber and scrap iron, advanced the Stable group from 87.6 to 88.3 between the weeks of June 16 and 23 but the Sensitive group moved down from 53.4 to 53.3. Losses for wheat and oats proved of more consequence than advances for steers and hogs and the Food series fell from 57.6 to 57.5. The Manufacturing series was also easier at 51.7 compared with 51.9 for the previous week. Declines for cottonseed oil, raw silk and rosin more than offset gains for raw cotton and wool.

The general wholesals price index was also firm, advancing from 73.1 to 73.3 during the period June 16 to June 23. Of the eight component groups, five showed gains, two remained unchanged and one declined slightly. Vegetable Products rose from 61.4 to 61.8 due to a sharp rise of about 13 p.c. for potatoes and minor gains for hay and onions, while grains ruled easier. Animal Products and Fibres were unchanged at 71.2 and 66.4 respectively. Influenced by an advance of \$1.00 per M for fir timber, the Wood Products index mounted from 76.8 to \$7.0. Iron moved up from 97.3 to 97.4 due to higher quotations for scrap steel, while a 1¢ rise in the price of tin, changed the Non-Ferrous index from 69.2 to 69.3. Chemicals advanced from 77.7 to 77.8, but Non-Metallic Minerals fell from 84.7 to 84.6 owing to easier prices for American anthracite coal.

The Canadian Farm Products index was higher at 63.5 for the week of June 23 compared with 62.9 in the preceding week. The most noteworthy gains in this group were those for potatoes, livestock other than lambs, and wool.

	No.of :	1938	•	1939	400	
	Price Series	June 24	June 2	June 9	June . 16	June 23
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	66.4	65.2	65.2	65.1	65.2
Stable	12	90.0	87.6	87.6	87.6	88.3
Sensitive	18	54.2	53.6	53.5	53,4	53.3
Manufacturing	13	47.6	51.8	52.0	51.9	51.7
Food	5	76.3	58.6	57.6	57.6	57.5
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	80.4	73.5	73.3	73.1	73.3
I. Vegetable Products	135	79.1	62.4	61.7	61.4	61.8
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.2	71.6	71.7	71.2	71.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	67.3	66.4	66.5	66.4	66.4
		76.7	76.7	76.7	76.8	77.0
V. Iron and Its Products		101.4	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.1	69.4	69.4	69,2	69.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their	7.0	07.1	84.7	84.7	84.7	84.6
Products	83	87.1	77.8	77.8	77.7	77.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.1	17,0	//.0	/ (a /	,,,,
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	77.3	64.7	64.4	62.9	63.5



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