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

Price changes in Industrial Materials were mixed in the week ending July 7, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index remained at the previous level of 65.3. The Stable index continued at 88.3, but the Sensitive index rose from 53.4 to 53.5. The increase in the Sensitive index was due to firmness in Manufacturing Materials, where moderate increases in rosin, raw cotton, raw silk, copper, zinc, and lead raised the index from 52.1 to 52.4. Food Materials, on the other hand, declined from 57.0 to 56.6, because of reductions in wheat, oats, steers and hogs.

The index for General Wholesale Commodity Prices eased from 73.3 to 73.2, when declines in Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals outweighed an increase in Wood. Raw sugar, meats, British Columbia lumber and copper were among the more outstanding commodities to advance, while grains, potatoes, livestock, eggs and silver moved lower.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 64.2 to 63.5. Both the Field and Animal Products weakened, the former receding from 56.5 to 56.1 under pressure by grains and potatoes, and the latter falling from 77.0 to 75.9, as an increase in hides failed to offset declines in livestock, poultry, milk and eggs.

	No. of Price :- Series :	: 1938	1938 :		1939		
		July 8	June 16	: June : 23 :	June 30	July: 7	
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	67.1	65.1	65.2	65.3	65.3	
Stable	12	90.0	87.6	88.3	88.3	88.3	
Sensitive	18	55.3	53.4	53.3	53.4	53.5	
Manufacturing	13	49.7	51.9	51.7	52.1	52.4	
Food	5	72.5	57.6	57.5	57.0	56.6	
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	79.1	73.1	73.3	73.3	73.2	
I. Vegetable Products	135	74.7	61.4	61.8	61.8	61.4	
II. Animals and Their Products III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile	76	78.6	71.2	71.2	71.8	71.8	
Products	85	67.5	66.4	66.4	66.4	66.4	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.7	76.8	77.0	77.0	77.1	
V. Iron and Its Products VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their	44	100.8	97.3	97.4	97.4	97.4	
Products	18	70.1	69.2	69.3	68.9	68.8	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	84.7	84.6	84.6	84.6	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products		80.1	77.7	77.8	77.6	77.6	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	72.2	62.9	63.5	64.2	63.5	



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