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

Further weakness in Food Materials was responsible for reducing the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices from 65.3 for the week ending July 7 to 65.1 for the week ending July 14. The index for the Food group fell from 56.6 to 54.6 as grains and live-stock both declined. New crop conditions were reflected on grain markets, and the probability of a large World surplus of wheat appeared well established. Livestock prices were influenced to some extent by the seasonal reduction in meat consumption. The Sensitive index fell from 53.5 to 53.2, while the Stable group was unchanged at 88.3.

The index for General Wholesale Commodity Prices dropped from 73.2 to 72.8. Vegetable Products, Animals and Non-Ferrous Metals declined, but Textiles moved slightly higher. Among the more important commodities to recede were grains, potatoes, fresh meats, milk products and silver, while eggs, raw wool and copper advanced.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 63.5 to 63.1. Reductions in grains, potatoes and onions changed the index for Field Products from 56.1 to 55.5, while Animal Products remained at 75.9, when declines in livestock and milk were offset by increases in eggs and wool.

	No. of Series	1938		1939		
		July 15	June 23	June 30	July 7	July 14
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	66.4	65.2	65.3	65.3	65.1
Stable	12	88.5	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.3
Sensitive	18	54.9	53.3	53.4	53.5	53.2
Manufacturing	13	49.2	51.7	52.1	52.4	52.6
Food	5	73.2	57.5	57.0	56.6	54.6
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICE	567	79.2	73.3	73.3	73.2	72.8
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	74.9	61.8	61.8	61.4	60.3
II. Animals and Their Products.	76	78.9	71.2	71.8	71.8	71.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	67.4	66.4	66.4	66.4	66.5
IV. Wood Wood Products and Paper	49	76.5	77.0	77.0	77.1	77.1
V. Iron and Its Products	44	100.8	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.4	69.3	68.9	68.8	68.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	84.6	84.6	84.6	84.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.1	77.8	77.6	77.6	77.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	72.5	63.5	64.2	63.5	63.1

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