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

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices declined from 65.1 for the week ending July 14 to 65.0 for the week ending July 21. The Stable index remained unchanged at 88.3, but the Sensitive index, comprising Manufacturing and Food Materials, fell from 53.2 to 53.0, as advances in the former failed to offset recessions in the latter group. The Manufacturing Materials index rose from 52.6 to 52.8, when increases in rosin, rubber, hides and raw silk outpointed reductions in cotton and copper, but the Food Materials index dropped from 54.6 to 53.5, due mainly to weakness in grains and cattle. The Food Materials index has declined sharply in the past two months, falling from a peak of 65.6 for the week of May 26 to 53.5 for the week under review.

The General Wholesale Commodity index was further reduced from 72.8 to 72.5, the lowest point touched since June 1936. Declines were fairly widespread and six of the eight main groups moved lower. Iron and Chemicals were unchanged. Among the more important commodities to recede were grains, livestock, furniture, copper and coal, while rubber, leather, raw silk and Maritime spruce advanced.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 63.1 to 62.6. Reductions predominated in both the Field Products and Animal groups. Grains, potatoes, onions and hay sold lower to change the index for Field Products from 55.5 to 54.9, while the index for Animal Products fell from 75.9 to 75.6, as declines in livestock and milk outweighed advances in hides and eggs.

	No. of	1938	1939			
	Price	July	June	July	July	July
	Series	23	30	7	14	21
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	66.6	65.3	65.3	65.1	65.0
Stable	12	88.5	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.3
Sensitive	18	55.1	55.4	53.5	53.2	53.0
Manufacturing	13	50.0	52.1	52.4	52.6	52.8
Food	5	71.4	57.0	56.6	54.6	53.5
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	78.6	73.3	73.2	72.8	72.5
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	74.7	61.8	61.4	60.3	59.6
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.4	71.8	71.8	71.4	71.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and						
Textile Products	85	67.2	66.4	66.4	66.5	66.1
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.5	77.0	77.1	77.1	77.0
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.8	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and						
Their Products	13	70.3	68.9	68.8	68.5	68.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and						
Their Products	83	86.7	84.6	84.6	84.6	84.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied						
Products	77	79.1	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	71.8	64.2	63.5	63.1	62.6

