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

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices rose from 65.2 for the week ending June 23 to 65.3 for the week ending June 30. The Stable group was unchanged at 88.3, but the Sensitive group advanced from 53.3 to 53.4, when an increase in Manufacturing Materials proved of more importance than a decline in Food Materials. Higher prices for cottonseed oil, copper and tin boosted the index for Manufacturing Materials from 51.7 to 52.1, while the index for Food Materials fell from 57.5 to 57.0, as increases in steers and hogs were outbalanced by lower prices for wheat, oats and raw sugar.

The General Wholesale Commodity Price index remained at 73.3, when recessions in Non-Ferrous Metals and Chemicals offset an advance in Animal Products. Among the more important commodities to move higher were vegetable cils, potatoes, livestock, eggs and copper, while grains, meats, sugar and silver declined.

Canadian Farm Products were buoyant, mounting from 63.5 to 64.2. Both Field and Animal Products displayed strength. The former rose from 55.9 to 56.5, when increases in potatoes and hay outweighed a reduction in grains and the latter advanced from 76.1 to 77.0, due to upward revisions in livestock, hides, milk and eggs.

	Price	1938 July	: June : 9	1939 June : 16 :	June :	June 30
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	66.7	65.2	65.1	65.2	65.3
Stable	12 18 13 5	90.0 54.6 48.5 75.0	87.6 53.5 52.0 57.6	87.6 53.4 51.9 57.6	88.3 53.3 51.7 57.5	88.3 53.4 52.1 57.0
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES Chief Component Groups	567	79.9	73.3	73.1	73.3	73.3
I. Vegetable Products	135 76	77,4 78.3	61.7	61.4	61.8	61.8
<pre>IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper V. Iron and Its Products</pre>	85 49 44	67.4 76.7 101.3	66.5 76.7 97.3	66.4 76.8 97.3	66.4 77.0 97.4	66.4 77.0 97.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.5	69.4	69.2	69.3	68.9
Products VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	83 77	87.1	84.7 77.8	84.7	84.6 77.8	84.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	75.0	64.4	62.9	63.5	64.2

