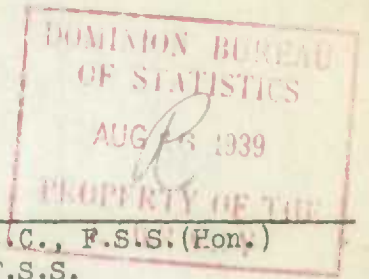


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
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The recent upturn in Industrial Material prices proved of short duration and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index declined from 64.9 for the week ending August 4 to 64.7 for the week ending August 11. Both the Manufacturing Material and the Food Material groups were lower, the former dropping from 53.1 to 52.9 and the latter falling from 52.1 to 51.9. The Stable group remained unchanged at 88.3. The Industrial Materials Price index has receded to slightly below the half-way mark between the low of 45.8 for February '33 and the high of 85.2 for March '37. The Stable group, as was to be expected, provided the greatest resistance to this decline, receding 12 p.c. from a high of 100.6 in May '37, while the Manufacturing Materials index dropped 32 p.c. and the Food Materials index fell 41 p.c. from their 1937 highs of 77.9 and 88.6 respectively.

The General Wholesale Commodity index decreased from 72.3 for the week ending August 4 to 72.1 for the week ending August 11. This compared with a low of 63.5 for February '33 and a high of 87.6 for July '37. At present levels Textiles and Chemicals are below their 1933 positions while Vegetable Products has shown the least opposition to the depressive forces of the past two years, declining from 95.5 for July '37 to 58.5 for the week under review. Much of this loss may be attributed to the sharp reduction in the grain index, which dropped from 102.5 to 38.0 in the same period.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 62.2 to 61.8 in the past week. Field Products weakened, moving from 54.0 to 53.6, while Animal Products decreased from 75.9 to 75.6.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: 1938 :		: 1939 :		
		Aug. 12	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4	Aug. 11
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.8	65.0	64.8	64.9	64.7
Stable	12	88.5	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.3
Sensitive	18	52.9	53.0	52.7	52.8	52.6
Manufacturing	13	49.6	52.8	53.0	53.1	52.9
Food	5	62.9	53.5	51.9	52.1	51.9
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	557	76.6	72.5	72.1	72.3	72.1
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	69.1	59.6	58.3	58.9	58.5
II. Animals and Their Products	76	76.2	71.3	71.0	70.4	70.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and						
Textile Products	85	67.0	66.1	66.2	66.2	66.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.6	77.0	77.0	77.0	77.0
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.7	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and						
Their Products	18	70.3	68.4	68.7	69.8	69.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and						
Their Products	83	86.6	84.4	84.7	84.7	84.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.4	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.8	62.6	62.2	62.2	61.8

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