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

Following the reaction of the preceding week, Industrial Material prices hardened in the week ending August 18 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index rose from 64.7 to 64.8. The Stable group was unchanged at 88.3, but slight increases occurred in both the Manufacturing and the Food Material groups. The former advanced from 52.9 to 53.0, largely because of firmer quotations for raw silk, copper and tin, while the latter moved from 51.9 to 52.0, when increases for oats, raw sugar and steers outpointed a reduction in wheat. Subsequent to the sharp drop in Food Materials which terminated in the week ending July 28, the indexes for Manufacturing and Food Materials have been in proximity, with movements nearly parallel.

The General Wholesale Commodity index, on the contrary, fell from 72.1 to 71.9. Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals were buoyant, but Vegetable Products, Wood and Non-Metallic Minerals moved lower. Included among the commodities to advance were fresh meats, silk fabrics and copper, while grains, potatoes, eggs and coal declined.

Canadian Farm Products decreased from 61.8 to 61.5. Field Products declined from 53.6 to 53.2, largely because of weakness in potatoes and onions, and Animal Products fell from 75.6 to 75.4, when a decline in eggs outweighed a rise in hides. Canadian Farm Products were fairly close to the levels of the corresponding period of 1938. Field Products decreased 0.8 while Animal Products showed a drop of 4.7 over the year.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1938		: 1939		
		: Aug. : 19	: July : 28	: Aug. : 4	: Aug. : 11	: Aug. : 18
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	65.1	64.8	64.9	64.7	64.8
Stable	12	89.7	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.3
Sensitive	18	52.6	52.7	52.8	52.6	52.7
Manufacturing	13	49.4	53.0	53.1	52.9	53.0
Food	5	62.3	51.9	52.1	51.9	52.0
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	75.8	72.1	72.3	72.1	71.9
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.1	58.3	58.9	58.5	57.8
II. Animals and Their Products	76	76.2	71.0	70.4	70.3	70.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and						
Textile Products	85	67.1	66.2	66.2	66.2	66.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.3	77.0	77.0	77.0	76.9
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.0	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and						
Their Products	18	69.4	68.7	69.8	69.7	69.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and						
Their Products	83	86.7	84.7	84.7	84.7	84.5
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.3	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.8	62.2	62.2	61.8	61.5



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Year	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
1971	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.25	1.30	1.35
1972	1.20	1.25	1.30	1.35	1.40	1.45
1973	1.30	1.35	1.40	1.45	1.50	1.55
1974	1.40	1.45	1.50	1.55	1.60	1.65
1975	1.50	1.55	1.60	1.65	1.70	1.75
1976	1.60	1.65	1.70	1.75	1.80	1.85
1977	1.70	1.75	1.80	1.85	1.90	1.95
1978	1.80	1.85	1.90	1.95	2.00	2.05
1979	1.90	1.95	2.00	2.05	2.10	2.15
1980	2.00	2.05	2.10	2.15	2.20	2.25