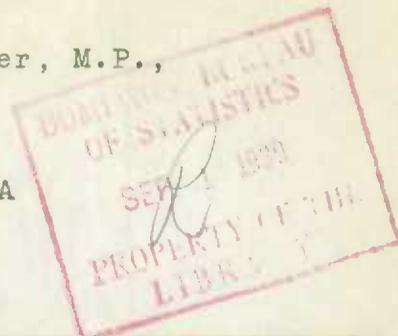


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of Industrial Material Prices rose from 64.8 for the week ending August 18 to 65.1 for the week ending August 25. The Stable index reached its highest level since last November, when firmer quotations for British Columbia forest products raised it from 88.3 to 88.7, and the Sensitive index advanced from 52.7 to 53.0, as a moderate decline in Manufacturing Materials failed to offset an increase in Food Materials. The former moved from 53.0 to 52.6, when rosin, hides, raw silk and copper declined, but the latter stepped up from 52.0 to 53.9, due to firmer quotations for grains, steers and hogs.

The General Wholesale Commodity index advanced from 71.9 to 72.7. Animal Products declined, but Vegetable Products, Textiles, Wood, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals moved higher. Included in the more important commodities to show advances were grains, milk, raw cotton and copper, while raw sugar, butter, raw silk and coal weakened.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 61.5 to 61.8. Field Products moved from 53.2 to 53.4, when a rise in grains proved of more importance than recessions in potatoes, onions, hay and straw, and Animal Products rose from 75.4 to 75.9, as advances in milk and eggs outweighed decreases in livestock and hides.

	No. of Price Series	1938					1939				
		Aug. 26	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.7	64.9	64.7	64.8	65.1					
Stable	12	89.3	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.7					
Sensitive	18	52.2	52.8	52.6	52.7	53.0					
Manufacturing	13	49.6	53.1	52.9	53.0	52.6					
Food	5	60.0	52.1	51.9	52.0	53.9					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.	567	75.1	72.3	72.1	71.9	72.7					
Chief Component Groups											
I. Vegetable Products	135	64.3	58.9	58.5	57.8	59.7					
II. Animals and Their Products ..	76	75.6	70.4	70.3	70.3	70.1					
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	67.0	66.2	66.2	66.4	66.5					
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.1	77.0	77.0	76.9	78.3					
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.0	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.4					
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.0	69.8	69.7	69.9	70.4					
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.7	84.7	84.7	84.5	84.6					
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.3	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.6					
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.2	62.2	61.8	61.5	61.8					

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