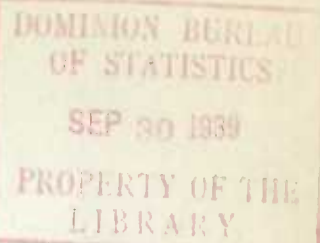


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939  
(1926=100)

One immediate effect of the war in Europe was to stimulate the purchase of many commodities and increase their prices. Though after the initial outburst of buying the markets tended to be somewhat easier, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' indexes of Industrial Material Prices indicate higher price levels for the week ending September 8th as compared with the previous week. The figures were 70.5 and 65.1 respectively. For Stable commodities the index was practically unchanged, being 88.4 as compared with 88.5, but the index for Sensitive commodities rose from 53.0 to 60.6. Manufacturers' Materials rose from 52.9 to 58.6, the principal increases being for hides, textiles and non-ferrous metals, while the food group rose from 53.3 to 66.4 due largely to increases in the prices of grains, livestock and raw sugar.

Compared with the index for industrial materials the general index of commodities sold at wholesale rose much more moderately, being 75.9 for the week ending September 8th and 72.8 for the previous week. Canadian Farm Products rose from 61.5 to 64.4. In this index Field Products were up from 53.4 to 56.2 while Animal Products increased from 75.1 to 78.2 due to the influence of higher levels for livestock, hides and eggs.

	: No. of	: 1938 :		: 1939		
		: Price	:	:	:	:
	: Series	: Sept.	: Aug.	: Aug.	: Sept.	: Sept.
	:	: 9	: 18	: 25	: 1	: 8
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	63.8	64.8	65.1	65.1	70.5
Stable .....	12	89.3	88.3	88.7	88.5	88.4
Sensitive .....	18	51.0	52.7	53.0	53.0	60.6
Manufacturing .....	13	49.4	53.0	52.6	52.9	58.6
Food .....	5	55.8	52.0	53.9	53.3	66.4
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	74.0	71.9	72.7	72.8	75.9
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	60.5	57.8	59.7	60.2	68.6
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	75.8	70.3	70.1	70.0	71.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	66.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	77.1	76.9	78.3	78.3	78.2
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	97.9	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	70.2	69.9	70.4	70.6	73.8
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	86.7	84.5	84.6	84.3	84.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	79.3	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	63.0	61.5	61.8	61.5	64.4

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