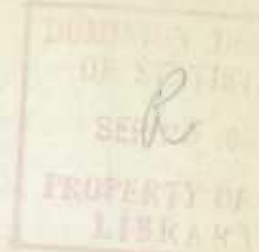


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
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Commodity values continued to advance during the week ending September 15, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material prices rising to 74.5, from 70.5 for the preceding week. Due to higher premiums on the United States dollar there was an advance in Mesabi iron ore, which raised the index for the Stable group from 88.4 to 89.2. Manufacturing Materials mounted from 58.6 to 64.0, largely due to increases in raw rubber, hides, raw cotton, raw silk and hemp, while Food Materials rose from 66.4 to 71.7 chiefly because of advances in raw sugar, steers and hogs.

The General Wholesale Commodity index changed from 75.9 to 77.4. Of the eight major groups included in the index, all but Iron registered advances. Included among the more important commodities to advance were flour and milled products, livestock, dairy products, raw cotton, tanning materials and non-ferrous metals, while grains, potatoes and coke were slightly lower.

Canadian Farm Products were up from 64.4 to 64.8. Lower quotations for grains and potatoes decreased the index for Field Products from 56.2 to 54.0, but Animal Products rose from 78.2 to 83.0 because of strength in livestock, hides and eggs.

	: No. of	: 1938 :		: 1939		
		: Price	: Sept.	: Aug.	: Sept.	: Sept.
	: Series	: 16	: 25	: 1	: 8	: 15
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.4	65.1	65.1	70.5	74.5
Stable	12	90.0	88.7	88.5	88.4	89.2
Sensitive	18	51.6	53.0	53.0	60.6	66.1
Manufacturing	13	49.9	52.6	52.9	58.6	64.0
Food	5	56.7	53.9	53.3	66.4	71.7
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	74.5	72.7	72.8	75.9	77.4
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	61.5	59.7	60.2	68.6	69.0
II. Animals and Their Products	76	76.5	70.1	70.0	71.9	77.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.7	66.5	66.5	67.0	67.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.2	78.3	78.3	78.2	81.3
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.9	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	71.2	70.4	70.6	73.8	74.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.0	84.6	84.3	84.3	84.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.4	77.6	77.6	77.7	78.2
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.9	61.8	61.5	64.4	64.8

