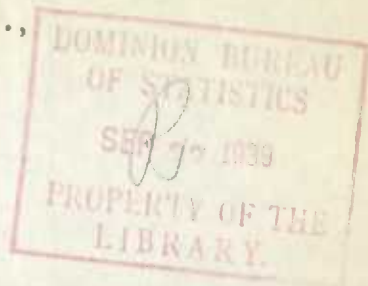


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939  
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A reaction in several basic food prices depressed the Industrial Material price index during the week of September 22 from 74.5 to 73.3 despite continuing firmness in manufacturing materials. Food Materials moved from 71.7 to 63.6. Wheat was fractionally higher, but raw sugar, oats and livestock weakened. A sharp recession in raw sugar followed the announcement of **Great Britain's** undertaking to supply Canada's needs at cost. In the Stable commodity price group higher quotations for scrap iron and structural shapes boosted the index from 89.2 to 90.0, while Manufacturing Materials rose from 64.0 to 64.1, as increases in raw silk and hemp outpointed declines in raw rubber, cottonseed oil and raw cotton.

The General Wholesale Commodity index, on the contrary, continued to advance, mounting from 77.4 to 77.9. Except in the Vegetable group, increases were quite general. Among the more important commodities to move higher were leather, meats, cloth, pig iron and fuel, while flour and milled products, raw sugar, livestock and raw cotton declined.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 64.8 to 65.4. Field Products rose from 54.0 to 54.6, and Animal Products advanced from 83.0 to 83.4.

	No. of Price Series	1938		1939		
		Sept. 23	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	63.9	65.1	70.5	74.5	73.3
Stable .....	12	90.0	88.5	88.4	89.2	90.0
Sensitive .....	18	51.0	53.0	60.6	66.1	64.0
Manufacturing .....	13	49.7	52.9	58.6	64.0	64.1
Food .....	5	54.9	53.3	66.4	71.7	63.6
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	74.4	72.8	75.9	77.4	77.9
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	61.6	60.2	68.6	69.0	68.5
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	75.8	70.0	71.9	77.1	78.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	66.7	66.5	67.0	67.5	69.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	77.0	78.3	78.2	81.3	81.4
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	98.2	97.4	97.5	97.5	98.7
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	70.7	70.6	73.8	74.4	74.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	87.0	84.3	84.3	84.4	84.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	79.4	77.6	77.7	78.2	80.2
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	63.4	61.5	64.4	64.8	65.4



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STATISTICAL TABLES

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