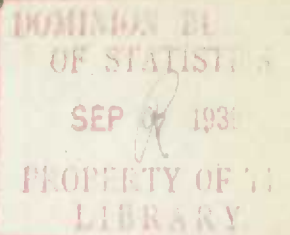


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
(1926=100)

Changes in Industrial Material prices were mixed for the week ending September 1 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index remained at 65.1. With the European crisis approaching a climax, sharp fluctuations occurred in exchange rates and prices of certain commodities were influenced accordingly. The Stable group fell from 88.7 to 88.5, because of a reduction in crude oil, but the Sensitive group was unchanged at 53.0, as an advance in Manufacturing Materials offset a decline in Food Materials. The former rose from 52.6 to 52.9, when increases in raw rubber, cottonseed oil, raw silk and copper outpointed recessions in rosin and raw cotton, while the latter fell from 53.9 to 53.3, as decreases in livestock exerted a greater influence than gains in grains and raw sugar.

The General Wholesale Commodity index was slightly firmer, rising from 72.7 to 72.8. Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals advanced while Animal Products and Non-Metallic Minerals moved lower. Among the more important commodities to show increases were grains, flour, raw rubber, hides, lard, raw wool and copper, while livestock and raw cotton declined.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 61.8 to 61.5. Field Products remained at 53.4, as decreases in potatoes, onions and hay opposed an advance in grains, while Animal Products dropped from 75.9 to 75.1, when reductions in livestock and milk outweighed increases in hides and wool.

| | No. of Price Series | 1938 | | 1939 | | |
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| | | Sept. 2 | Aug. 11 | Aug. 18 | Aug. 25 | Sept. 1 |
| INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES | 30 | 64.2 | 64.7 | 64.8 | 65.1 | 65.1 |
| Stable | 12 | 89.3 | 88.3 | 88.3 | 88.7 | 88.5 |
| Sensitive | 18 | 51.5 | 52.6 | 52.7 | 53.0 | 53.0 |
| Manufacturing | 13 | 49.2 | 52.9 | 53.0 | 52.6 | 52.9 |
| Food | 5 | 58.4 | 51.9 | 52.0 | 53.9 | 53.3 |
| GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES | 567 | 74.6 | 72.1 | 71.9 | 72.7 | 72.8 |
| Chief Component Groups | | | | | | |
| I. Vegetable Products | 122 | 62.5 | 58.5 | 57.8 | 59.7 | 60.2 |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 93 | 75.7 | 70.3 | 70.3 | 70.1 | 70.0 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 66.8 | 66.2 | 66.4 | 66.5 | 66.5 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 77.1 | 77.0 | 76.9 | 78.3 | 78.3 |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 97.9 | 97.4 | 97.4 | 97.4 | 97.4 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 69.8 | 69.7 | 69.9 | 70.4 | 70.6 |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 86.7 | 84.7 | 84.5 | 84.6 | 84.3 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 79.3 | 77.6 | 77.6 | 77.6 | 77.6 |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS | 70 | 63.1 | 61.8 | 61.5 | 61.8 | 61.5 |



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