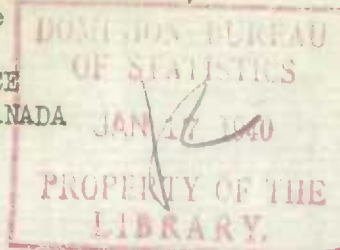


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

The reaction in Industrial Material prices continued and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, fell from 120.6 for the week ending January 5 to 120.1 for the week ending January 12. Food Materials were firm, rising from 128.0 to 128.1, as increases in oats, steers and hogs outweighed a slight drop in wheat, but Manufacturing Materials decreased from 131.8 to 130.6, influenced mainly by reductions in rosin and raw silk. Changes were lacking in the Stable group and this index remained at 106.9.

The General Wholesale Commodity index, on the base 1926=100, fell from 82.3 to 82.2. Declines predominated in Vegetable Products, Animals, Textiles and Iron, while the remaining four groups were unchanged. Included in the more important commodities to advance were canned fruits and vegetables, potatoes, livestock and fresh meats, but cured meats, grains, cheese, eggs and raw cotton moved lower.

Canadian Farm Products receded from 70.4 to 69.9. Field Products fell from 61.0 to 60.4, and Animal Products declined from 86.1 to 85.8.

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| | | : Price : | : Jan. : | : Jan. : | : Jan. : | : Jan. : | : Jan. : | : Jan. : | |
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| | | (1926=100) | | | (August 1939=100) | | | | |
| INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES | 30 | 64.0 | 78.3 | 78.0 | 98.4 | 120.6 | 120.1 | | |
| Sensitive | 12 | 88.1 | 94.5 | 94.5 | 99.6 | 106.9 | 106.9 | | |
| Manufacturing | 18 | 51.7 | 69.1 | 68.6 | 97.6 | 130.8 | 129.9 | | |
| Food | 13 | 50.5 | 69.7 | 69.1 | 95.0 | 131.8 | 130.6 | | |
| | 5 | 55.1 | 67.4 | 67.5 | 104.7 | 128.0 | 128.1 | | |

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| | | (1926=100) | | | | | | |
| GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES... | 567 | 73.3 | 82.1 | 82.2 | 82.3 | 82.2 | | |
| Chief Component Groups | | | | | | | | |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 60.1 | 72.9 | 72.9 | 73.1 | 73.0 | | |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 73.1 | 80.0 | 80.2 | 80.0 | 79.8 | | |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 66.1 | 82.0 | 82.4 | 82.5 | 82.3 | | |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.. | 49 | 76.3 | 85.4 | 85.4 | 85.4 | 85.4 | | |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 98.1 | 102.6 | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.6 | | |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 70.9 | 76.3 | 76.2 | 76.2 | 76.2 | | |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 86.3 | 86.7 | 86.7 | 86.8 | 86.8 | | |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 79.0 | 84.6 | 86.9 | 86.9 | 86.9 | | |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS | 70 | 64.6 | 70.3 | 70.2 | 70.4 | 69.9 | | |

