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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939

Industrial Material prices were slightly firmer in the week ending December 29, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, moved from 120.7 for the week ending December 22 to 121.0. The Stable group was unchanged at 106.9 but both Manufacturing and Food Materials were higher. The former advanced from 132.0 to 132.4, when increases in raw cotton, raw silk and hemp outpointed declines in raw rubber, cottonseed oil and tin. Food Materials rose from 128.0 to 128.9, as a small decrease in wheat failed to offset higher quotations for oats, steers and hogs. At these levels prices of Industrial Materials averaged approximately 22 p.c. above the closing week of 1938. Of the sub-groups, Manufacturing Materials had made the greatest advance, increasing by almost 39 p.c., while Food Materials came next with an increase of nearly 19 p.c. The Stable group showed a rise approximating 7 p.c. in the year.

The General Wholesale Commodity index mounted from 82.1 to 82.2. Increases predominated in Animal Products, Textiles, Iron and Chemicals, while Non-Ferrous Metals reacted fractionally.

Canadian Farm Products eased from 70.3 to 70.2. Grains were mainly responsible for a decrease in Field Products from 60.7 to 60.3, but Animal Products rose from 86.5 to 86.9 as an increase in livestock outweighed a decline in eggs.

	No. of Series	1938		1939		1938		1939	
		Dec. 30	Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 22
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.5	78.3	78.5	99.1	120.7	121.0		
Stable	12	88.1	94.5	94.5	99.6	106.9	106.9		
Sensitive	18	52.4	69.2	69.4	98.8	130.9	131.4		
Manufacturing	13	50.6	69.8	70.0	95.3	132.0	132.4		
Food	5	57.1	67.4	67.8	108.5	128.0	128.9		
		(1926=100)				(1926=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ...	567	73.5	80.8	81.2	82.1	82.2			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.6	70.3	71.3	72.9	72.9			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.1	80.3	79.9	80.0	80.2			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.4	79.4	80.6	82.0	82.4			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	76.2	84.8	85.1	85.4	85.4			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.1	101.9	102.0	102.6	102.7			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	71.7	74.5	74.5	76.3	76.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.3	86.5	86.6	86.7	86.7			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ..	77	79.0	83.5	83.5	84.6	86.9			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.0	67.8	68.7	70.3	70.2			

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