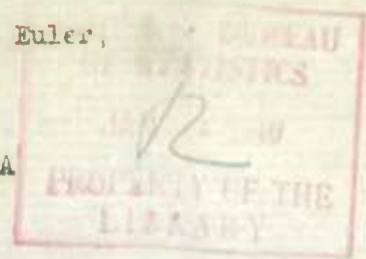


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Industrial Material Prices continued firm in the week ending January 26th, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 121.2 for the week ending January 19th to 121.3. Strength in Food Materials was solely responsible for the increase. Food Materials mounted from 128.8 to 130.1 as higher quotations obtained for both grains and livestock. Manufacturing Materials, on the other hand, eased from 130.5 to 130.4, while the Stable group remained unchanged at 109.0. The rise in Food Materials since just before the outbreak of war closely approximates that in Manufacturing Materials, the advance in both groups being slightly in excess of 30 p.c.

The General Wholesale Commodity Prices index dropped from 82.3 to 82.1. Advances occurred in Vegetable Products and Non-Metallic Minerals, but Animal Products, Textiles, Wood and Non-Ferrous Metals moved lower. Increases were shown by potatoes, cheese, raw wool and coal, while meats, eggs, raw silk, British Columbia fir and tin ingots were among those commodities to decline.

Canadian Farm Products slipped from 70.3 to 70.2. Influenced by higher quotations for potatoes, Field Products moved up from 61.0 to 61.1, whereas Animal Products fell from 85.8 to 85.4, as weakness in hides and eggs outweighed an advance in wool.

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940		
	Price	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.		
	Series	27	19	26	19		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.5	78.6	78.7	99.2	121.2	121.3
Stable	12	88.1	96.4	96.4	99.6	109.0	109.0
Sensitive	18	52.4	68.7	68.8	98.9	130.0	130.3
Manufacturing	13	50.8	69.0	69.0	95.6	130.5	130.4
Food	5	56.8	67.8	68.5	107.9	128.8	130.1
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	Price	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	
	Series	27	5	12	19	26	
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ...	567	73.2	82.3	82.2	82.3	82.1	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.2	73.1	73.0	73.3	73.4	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.3	80.0	79.8	80.0	79.9	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile							
Products	85	66.1	82.5	82.3	82.1	82.0	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	76.2	85.4	85.4	85.4	84.4	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.5	102.7	102.6	102.6	102.6	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their							
Products	18	69.9	76.2	76.2	76.0	75.8	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and							
Their Products	83	86.3	86.8	86.8	87.0	87.2	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ..	77	78.8	86.9	86.9	85.7	85.7	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.9	70.4	69.9	70.3	70.2	

