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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 quotau tions 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.

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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
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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
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