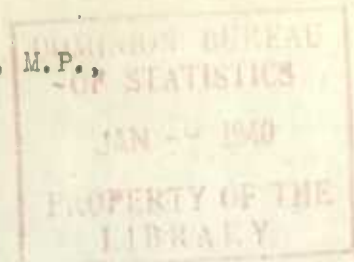


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Following five weeks of uninterrupted advance, Industrial Material Prices reacted mildly in the week ending January 5, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, fell from 121.0 for the week ending December 29 to 120.6. The index of Sensitive Materials dropped from 131.4 to 130.8, as both the Manufacturing and Food groups moved lower, but the Stable index remained unchanged at 106.9. Manufacturing Materials decreased from 132.4 to 131.8, when reductions in raw rubber, raw silk and tin ingots proved of more importance than advances in cottonseed oil and raw cotton, while Food Materials declined from 128.9 to 128.0, as strength in wheat failed to offset lower prices for cats, steers and hogs.

The General Wholesale Commodity index, on the contrary, rose from 82.2 to 82.3. Advances occurred in Vegetable Products, Textiles and Non-Metallic Minerals, while Animal Products lost the gain of the preceding week. Some of the more important commodities to move higher were grains, potatoes, meats, raw cotton and coal tar, while raw rubber, live-stock, eggs and raw silk gave ground.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 70.2 to 70.4. Field Products rose from 60.3 to 61.0, but Animal Products decreased from 86.9 to 86.1. Comparative figures for the corresponding week of last year were 64.9, 54.4 and 82.5 respectively.

	: No. of :	1939		1940:		1939		1940	
		: Price :	Jan. :	Dec. :	Jan. :	Jan. :	Dec. :	Jan. :	
	: Series:	6	29	5	6	29	5		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.4	78.5	78.3	99.0	121.0	120.6		
Stable	12	88.1	94.5	94.5	99.6	106.9	106.9		
Sensitive	18	52.2	69.4	69.1	98.6	131.4	130.8		
Manufacturing	13	50.5	70.0	69.7	95.1	132.4	131.8		
Food	5	57.0	67.8	67.4	108.3	128.9	128.0		
				1939				1940	
	: Price :	Jan.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.			
	: Series:	6	15	22	29	5			
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.4	81.2	82.1	82.2	82.3			
Chief Component Groups ...									
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.2	71.3	72.9	72.9	73.1			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.3	79.9	80.0	80.2	80.0			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.4	80.6	82.0	82.4	82.5			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.3	85.1	85.4	85.4	85.4			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.1	102.0	102.6	102.7	102.7			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	71.4	74.5	76.3	76.2	76.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.3	86.6	86.7	86.7	86.8			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.0	83.5	84.6	86.9	86.9			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.9	68.7	70.3	70.2	70.4			

