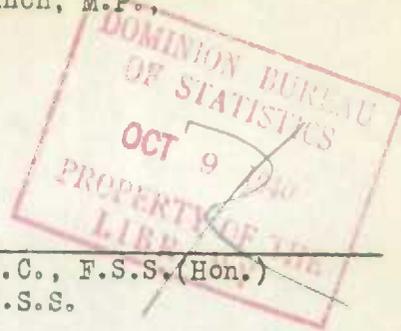


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

Following the reaction of the previous week, the Industrial Material index rallied in the week ending October 4 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics series on the base August 1939=100, rose from 121.4 to 121.6. The Stable index remained at 117.6, but the Sensitive group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, advanced from 124.0 to 124.4. Manufacturing Materials decreased from 122.4 to 122.3, when higher prices for raw rubber, raw silk and tin ingots failed to offset declines in cottonseed oil and raw cotton, but Food Materials moved from 128.2 to 129.9, supported by wheat, oats and steers.

The General Wholesale Commodity index rose from 82.8 to 82.9. Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Non-Metallic Minerals moved higher, while the five remaining groups were unchanged. Price movements centred mainly in Vegetable Products and Animal Products, although several of the primary textile items were active as well.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 63.5 to 64.3. Field Products rose from 50.1 to 51.2, as increases in grains, onions and hay outweighed a reduction in potatoes, and Animal Products moved from 85.8 to 86.3, when higher quotations ruled for livestock, hides, eggs and wool.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks ended
September 27 and October 4.

Increases: hides 7.6, oats 3.7, butter 2.5, raw silk 2.0, wheat 1.9,
raw rubber 1.0, eggs 1.0.

Decreases: cheese 1.4, potatoes 1.3, vegetable oils 1.2, fresh meats
0.7, cured meats 0.7, flour and milled products 0.6.

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Sept. 6	Sept. 27	Sept. 4	Sept. 13	Sept. 27	Sept. 4	Sept. 13	Sept. 20
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)		(August 1939=100)	
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	77.0	78.8	78.9	118.5	121.4	121.6		
Stable	12	90.7	103.9	103.9	102.6	117.6	117.6		
Sensitive	13	69.1	65.5	65.7	130.4	124.0	124.4		
Manufacturing	13	70.2	64.7	64.7	132.3	122.4	122.3		
Food	5	66.2	67.5	68.4	125.8	128.2	129.9		
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)		(August 1939=100)	
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	78.0	83.0	83.0	82.8	82.9			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	67.7	70.3	69.9	69.2	69.5			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.5	78.8	78.9	78.7	78.8			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.4	83.5	83.6	83.8	83.8			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	81.5	91.0	91.1	91.1	91.1			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	99.6	105.8	106.0	106.0	106.0			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	74.6	77.2	77.2	77.7	77.7			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.8	90.4	90.6	90.8	90.9			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	89.8	90.3	90.4	90.4	90.4			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.6	64.4	64.2	63.5	64.3			

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