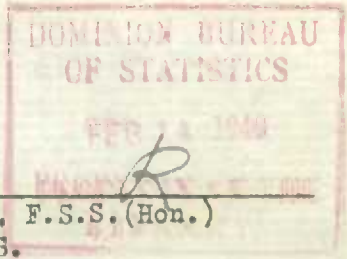


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Industrial Material Prices advanced in the week ending February 9 and recovered much ground lost in the preceding week. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 121.4 to 122.0, at which point it was approximately 23.5 p.c. above the corresponding week of 1939. A sharp increase in crude oil changed the Stable index from 111.2 to 112.0, while Manufacturing Materials rose from 129.1 to 129.7 on moderate advances in raw rubber, rosin, cotton and raw silk. Food Materials, on the other hand, fell from 128.2 to 127.6, when a decrease in steers proved of more importance than a small rise in wheat.

The General Wholesale Commodity index remained at 82.2. Vegetable Products, Animals and Iron moved fractionally higher, but Wood and Non-Ferrous Metals declined. Commodities to advance included grains, butter, eggs and raw silk, whereas livestock, meats, woollen cloth and copper sold lower.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 69.4 to 69.5. Influenced largely by the moderate increase in grains, Field Products mounted from 60.2 to 60.4, while Animal Products eased from 84.8 to 84.7, as a decline in livestock outweighed increases in hides and eggs.

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940		
	Price	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.		
	Series	10	2	9	10		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	64.2	x78.8	79.2	98.8	x121.4	122.0
Stable .....	12	88.1	98.3	99.1	99.6	111.2	112.0
Sensitive .....	18	52.0	x68.1	68.2	98.2	x128.9	129.2
Manufacturing .....	13	50.9	x68.3	68.6	95.9	x129.1	129.7
Food .....	5	55.0	67.5	67.2	104.6	128.2	127.6

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940	
	Price	Feb.	Jan.	Jan.	Feb.	
	Series	10	19	26	2	
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)		
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ....	567	73.0	x82.4	x82.4	82.2	82.2
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	60.2	73.3	73.4	72.8	72.9
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	72.5	80.0	79.9	79.7	79.8
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	65.9	82.1	82.0	81.8	81.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	76.2	x86.5	x86.5	86.5	86.4
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	97.5	102.6	102.6	102.6	103.0
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	69.9	76.0	75.8	75.8	75.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.7	87.0	87.2	87.1	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	78.9	85.7	85.7	85.7	85.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	64.4	70.3	70.2	69.4	69.5

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