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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' Industrial Material index, on the base August 1939=100, declined from 123.6 to 123.4 between the weeks ending February 9 and 16. The Stable index remained at 112.0, but the Sensitive index reflected the weaker tendency in Manufacturing Materials and fell from 131.9 to 131.6. A sharp drop in raw silk outweighed moderate increases in raw rubber and raw wool to change Manufacturing Materials from 129.7 to 129.4. Food Materials eased from 137.7 to 137.6, as a decrease in oats more than offset slight advances in wheat and steers.

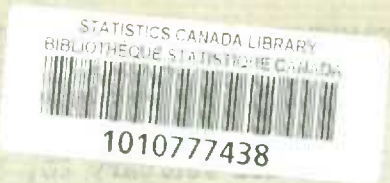
The General Wholesale Commodity index rose from 82.2 to 82.5. This indicated an increase of about 12 p.c. over the corresponding week of last year and 15 p.c. above mid-August. Vegetable Products, Animals, Non-Ferrous Metals, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals moved higher while reductions were predominant in Textiles and Iron. Advances were noted in grains, furs, eggs, raw wool and tin, while recessions occurred in cocoa beans, raw silk, shellac and jute and burlap manufactures.

Canadian Farm Products moved up from 69.5 to 69.9. Grains and hay were largely responsible for increasing Field Products from 60.4 to 61.0, while Animal Products advanced from 69.5 to 69.9, as firmer quotations for milk, eggs and wool outpointed a decline in livestock.

	No. of Price Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Feb.		Feb.		Feb.		Feb.	
		17	9	16	17	9	16		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.3	x80.2	79.1	98.9	x123.6	123.4		
Stable	12	88.0	99.1	99.1	99.6	112.0	112.0		
Sensitive	18	52.2	x69.7	69.5	98.5	x131.9	131.6		
Manufacturing	13	50.6	68.6	68.4	95.3	129.7	129.4		
Food	5	56.6	x72.4	72.4	107.5	x137.7	137.6		

	No. of Price Series	1939		1940		
		Feb.		Jan.	Feb.	Feb.
		17	26	2	9	16
		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.3	82.4	82.2	82.2	82.5
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.5	73.4	72.8	72.9	73.6
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.6	79.9	79.7	79.8	80.0
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.2	82.0	81.8	81.8	81.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.1	86.5	86.5	86.4	86.4
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.6	102.6	102.6	103.0	102.6
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.7	75.8	75.8	75.3	75.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.7	87.2	87.1	87.1	87.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	78.3	85.7	85.7	85.7	87.1
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.0	70.2	69.4	69.5	69.9

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 Price 21.00 per year

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1919-1950

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics Industrial Wholesale Index, on the face of it, is a more realistic index of the price level than the Retail Price Index. The index is based on a basket of goods and services which is representative of the goods and services which are bought by business concerns in the United Kingdom and the United States. The index is based on a sample of 1,000 items, of which 700 are industrial goods and 300 are services. The index is based on a sample of 1,000 items, of which 700 are industrial goods and 300 are services.

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Year	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950				
General Wholesale Commodity Index	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0				
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