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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

The decline of the preceding week in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices was largely recovered in the week ending March 8, and this series, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 122.5 to 123.3. Advances occurred in both the Manufacturing and Food Material groups, while the Stable index remained at 111.9. Increases in raw rubber and linseed oil changed the index for Manufacturing Materials from 127.3 to 129.0, and the Food Materials index moved from 137.6 to 137.9, as higher quotations ruled for both wheat and oats.

The index for General Wholesale Commodity Prices increased from 82.8 for the week ending March 1 to 83.1 for the week ending March 8. Advances were confined mainly to the Vegetable and Animal groups, which rose from 74.3 to 75.0 and 79.7 to 80.2 respectively. Contributing in large part to the advance were grains, vegetable oils, fresh meats, eggs and cheese. Canadian cheddar cheese has risen substantially above pre-war levels, and in the week under review averaged 54 p.c. over the week of August 25. The increase in butter prices during the same period was approximately 25 p.c.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 70.9 to 71.3. Field Products mounted from 62.6 to 63.0, influenced chiefly by grains, while Animal Products advanced from 70.9 to 71.3, supported by livestock, hides and eggs.

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940		
Price	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.		
Series	10	1	8	10	1	8	
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.7	79.5+	80.0	99.5	122.5	123.3
Stable	12	87.8	98.9	98.9	99.3	111.9	111.9
Sensitive	18	52.8	68.7	69.5	99.7	130.1	131.5
Manufacturing	13	51.3	67.3	68.3	96.7	127.3	129.0
Food	5	56.3	72.4	72.6	107.8	137.6	137.9
	No. of	1939	1940				
Price	Mar.	Feb.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.		
Series	10	16	23	1	8		
		(1926=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.2	82.5	82.9	82.8	83.1	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.3	73.6	74.5	74.3	75.0	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.6	80.0	80.1	79.7	80.2	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile							
Products	85	66.2	81.6	82.7	82.6	82.6	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.1	86.4	86.5	86.5	86.3	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their							
Products	18	70.1	75.4	76.4	76.4	76.4	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and							
Their Products	83	35.7	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	73.3	87.1	87.1	87.3	87.3	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.0	69.9	71.2	70.9	71.3	

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