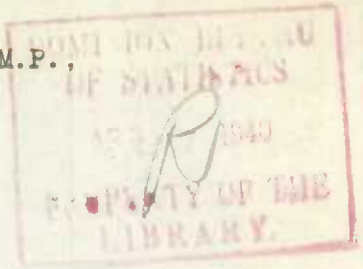


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

The Industrial Material price index of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics<sup>1</sup>, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 122.6 for the week of April 5th to 122.7 for the week of April 12. Since the third week in January, prices have remained relatively steady, and fluctuations of this index have been within the limits of 123.9 and 122.5. In the week just passed, firmer prices for wood pulp raised the Stable index from 112.2 to 112.4, while Manufacturing Materials advanced from 127.3 to 127.7, when increases in raw rubber, linseed oil, raw silk and tin ingots were only balanced in part by a decline for rosin. On the other hand, Food Materials fell from 137.3 to 136.8, as recessions in steers and hogs outweighed advances in wheat and oats.

The General Wholesale Commodity index stood at 83.2, for the fourth successive week. Vegetable Products, Wood and Non-Ferrous Metals were buoyant, but Animal Products, Iron and Chemicals weakened. Included among the commodities to move higher were grains, potatoes, eggs, raw wool and copper, while livestock, meats, raw jute and shellac declined.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 71.5 to 72.0. Grains and potatoes played a major part in raising Field Products from 64.0 to 64.6, while Animal Products advanced from 84.1 to 84.3, when higher prices for eggs and wool proved of more importance than recessions in livestock, and hides.

: No. of	: 1939 :	1940	: 1939 :	1940
: Price	: Apr. :	Apr. :	Apr. :	Apr. :
: Series	: 14 :	5 :	12 :	14 :
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		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	64.3	79.6	79.7	99.0	122.6	122.7
Stable .....	12	87.8	99.2	99.4	99.3	112.2	112.4
Sensitive .....	18	52.3	68.7	68.8	98.7	130.0	130.2
Manufacturing .....	13	50.6	67.3	67.5	95.4	127.3	127.7
Food .....	5	56.9	72.3	72.0	108.1	137.3	136.8

: No. of	: 1939 :	1940
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		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.3	83.2	83.2	83.2	83.2
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	61.5	74.9	75.3	75.5	76.0
II. Animals and Their Products ..	76	72.6	80.0	79.7	78.9	77.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	65.7	83.5	83.4	83.8	83.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.3	87.0	86.9	87.1	87.2
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	97.4	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	69.3	76.3	76.3	76.2	76.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.1	87.2	87.2	87.3	87.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.9	87.4	87.4	85.6	85.5
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	65.5	71.2	71.8	71.5	72.0

