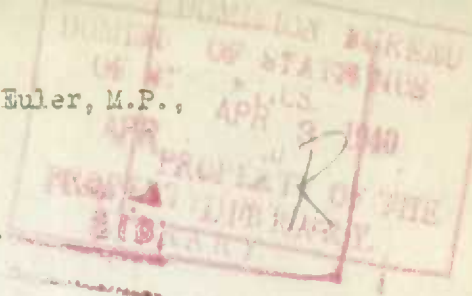


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Industrial Material prices were slightly firmer in the week ending March 29, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 122.7 for the week ending March 22 to 123.1. Reductions predominated among Manufacturing Materials and the index for this group fell from 128.2 to 128.0, as decreases in rosin, raw silk and tin ingots outweighed a rise in linseed oil. Food Materials, on the other hand, were buoyant and increased from 137.1 to 138.4, when grains showed moderate strength, and the Stable group rose from 111.8 to 112.2, because of firmer quotations for Maritime spruce.

Changes in the general wholesale commodity price list were mixed, and the index remained at 83.2. Vegetable Products, alone of the eight major groups, moved higher, while Animal Products, Textiles and Wood Products receded. Grains, potatoes, furs and livestock were among the commodities to advance, but meats, eggs, raw cotton and British Columbia fir and cedar sold lower.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 71.2 to 71.3. Increases in grains, potatoes and onions were mainly responsible for advancing the index of Field Products from 62.9 to 63.8, while Animal Products mounted from 85.1 to 85.2, as an increase in livestock proved of greater importance than declines in hides and eggs.

	No. of Series	1939		1940			
		Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.		
		31	22	29	31	28	29
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.7	79.7	79.9	99.4	122.7	123.1
Stable	12	87.8	98.3	99.2	99.3	111.8	112.2
Sensitive	18	52.7	69.0	69.1	99.5	130.6	130.8
Manufacturing	13	51.3	67.8	67.7	96.6	128.2	128.0
Food	5	56.7	72.3	82.7	107.7	137.1	138.4

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		Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	
		31	8	15	22	29
		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	73.3	83.1	83.1	83.2	83.2
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	61.1	75.0	74.9	74.9	75.3
II. Animal and Their Products	76	73.0	80.2	80.0	80.0	79.7
III. Food, Textiles and Textile Products	85	65.7	82.6	82.6	83.5	83.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.2	86.6	86.6	87.0	86.9
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	102.6	102.6	102.5	102.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.3	76.4	76.4	76.3	76.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.1	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	77.9	87.3	87.3	87.4	87.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.4	71.3	71.0	71.2	71.8



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