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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Industrial Material prices continued buoyant in the week ending April 19, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 122.7 for the week ending April 12 to 123.4. Firmer quotations for unbleached sulphite pulp raised the Stable group from 112.4 to 112.6, while Manufacturing Materials advanced from 127.7 to 128.2, when increases in raw rubber, rosin and hemp outweighed a decrease in raw silk. Food Materials rallied, following a two week decline, and moved from 136.8 to 139.1, as both grains and livestock displayed firmness.

The General Wholesale Commodity index remained at 83.2. This index has been unchanged since the week of March 22, and at its present level is approximately 13 p.c. above the corresponding week of last year. Of the eight major groups comprising the index, Vegetable Products, Wood and Chemicals moved higher, while Animal Products, Textiles, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals receded. Some of the outstanding commodities to advance were grains, livestock, fresh meats and tin, but eggs, raw silk, raw wool, rolling-mill products and coal declined.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 72.0 to 72.6. Field Products moved from 64.6 to 65.5, supported by grains, potatoes, onions and hay, and Animal Products increased from 84.3 to 84.4, as firmer quotations were shown for livestock, eggs and wool.

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						(1926=100)	(August 1939=100)
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	64.8	79.7	80.1	99.6	122.7	123.4
Stable .....	12	87.8	99.4	99.5	99.3	112.4	112.6
Sensitive .....	18	52.9	68.8	69.3	98.7	130.2	131.2
Manufacturing .....	13	51.1	67.5	67.8	95.4	127.7	128.2
Food .....	5	57.9	72.0	73.2	108.1	136.8	139.1

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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES...	567	73.4	83.2	83.2	83.2	83.2	83.2
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	62.0	75.3	75.5	76.0	76.0	76.4
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	72.1	79.7	78.9	77.9	77.9	77.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	65.8	83.4	83.8	83.8	83.8	83.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	76.5	86.9	87.1	87.2	87.2	87.3
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	97.5	102.5	102.5	102.4	102.4	102.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	69.5	76.3	76.2	76.4	76.4	76.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.0	87.2	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products...	77	77.9	87.4	85.6	85.5	85.5	85.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	65.6	71.8	71.5	72.0	72.0	72.6

