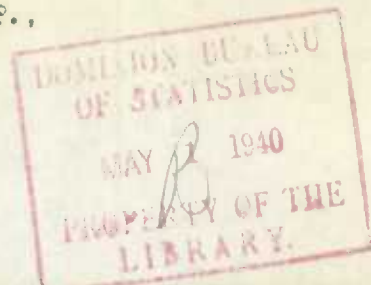


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Wiping out the advance of the previous two weeks, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, fell from 123.4 for the week ending April 19 to 122.7 for the week ending April 26. Since the third week of January, this index has remained relatively stable, and movements have been within limits of 123.9 and 122.5. Manufacturing Materials declined from 128.2 to 127.4, as recessions in rosin, wool and raw silk outweighed an increase in tin ingots, while Food Materials dropped from 139.1 to 136.2, influenced largely by weakness in oats, steers and hogs. The Stable group remained at 112.6.

For the sixth consecutive week, the General Wholesale Commodity index stood at 83.2. Vegetable Products were buoyant, but reductions predominated in Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals. Advances in fresh fruits and feeds contributed mainly to the increase in Vegetable Products, while lower levels for livestock, fresh meats and copper influenced Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals to a large degree. Other commodities to advance included eggs and raw cotton but potatoes, raw silk and wool moved lower.

A reaction in Canadian Farm Products moved this index from 72.6 to 72.5. Field Products were unchanged at 65.5, while Animal Products fell from 84.4 to 84.1, as declines in livestock, hides and wool proved of more importance than an increase in eggs.

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940	
	Price	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	
	Series	28	19	26	28	
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.8	80.1	79.6	99.6 123.4 122.7	
Stable	12	87.8	99.5	99.5	99.3 112.6 112.6	
Sensitive	18	52.9	69.3	68.6	99.8 131.2 129.8	
Manufacturing	13	51.0	67.8	67.4	96.0 128.2 127.4	
Food	5	58.2	73.2	71.7	110.5 139.1 136.2	
	No. of	1939	1940			
	Price	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	
	Series	28	5	12	19 26	
		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.5	83.2	83.2	83.2 83.2	
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	62.7	75.5	76.0	76.4 76.6	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	71.4	78.9	77.9	77.6 77.2	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	65.8	83.8	83.8	83.7 83.7	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.5	87.1	87.2	87.3 87.3	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.5	102.5	102.4	102.3 102.3	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.9	76.2	76.4	76.4 76.3	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.9	87.3	87.3	87.1 87.1	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	77.9	85.6	85.5	85.6 85.6	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.6	71.5	72.0	72.6 72.5	

