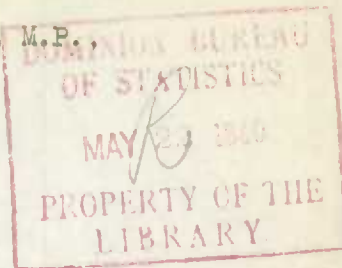


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

The upward movement in Industrial material prices continued during the week ending May 17, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 122.2 for the week ending May 10 to 122.8. Food Materials fell from 132.6 to 128.0, as a sharp decline in grains outweighed an increase in steers, but Manufacturing Materials advanced from 127.6 to 130.4, when lower quotations for linseed oil and tin failed to offset higher prices for rubber, cottonseed oil, rosin and raw silk. The Stable group remained at 112.8.

General Wholesale Commodities, on the other hand, moved still lower, dropping from 82.8 to 81.9. Declines predominated in Vegetable Products, Animals, Textiles and Chemicals. Wood and Non-Metallic Minerals were buoyant. Among the more important commodities to weaken were grains, meats, butter, eggs and raw cotton, while higher prices ruled for bakery products, raw rubber, livestock, raw silk, coal and British Columbia fir.

For the fourth successive week, Canadian Farm Products receded, moving from 71.3 to 68.3. This compared with 65.2 for the corresponding week of last year. Field Products dropped from 53.6 to 52.1, when a decline in grains proved of more importance than increases in potatoes, onions, straw and hay, whereas Animal Products rose from 84.3 to 85.3, with advances in livestock, hides, poultry and wool outpointing reductions in milk and eggs.

	No. of	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Price	Series	May 19	May 10	May 17	May 19	May 10	May 17
				(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	65.1	79.3	79.6	100.1	122.2	122.8		
Stable .....	12	87.6	99.8	99.8	99.0	+112.8	112.8		
Sensitive .....	18	53.4	68.1	68.6	100.8	129.0	129.8		
Manufacturing .....	13	51.5	67.5	69.0	97.0	127.6	130.4		
Food .....	5	58.6	69.8	67.4	111.4	132.6	128.0		

	No. of	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Price	Series	May 19	Apr. 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	
				(1926=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	73.6	83.2	83.0	82.8	81.9			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	63.4	76.6	76.0	75.8	72.3			
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	71.0	77.2	76.7	76.2	76.0			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	66.3	83.7	83.6	83.4	83.3			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	76.8	87.3	87.3	87.4	87.7			
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	97.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	69.0	76.3	76.3	76.5	76.5			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	84.7	87.1	87.1	87.1	88.7			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	77.8	85.6	85.6	85.6	85.4			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	65.2	72.5	71.6	71.3	68.3			

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