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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

A further advance in Industrial Material prices raised the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, from 119.9 for the week ending May 31 to 120.3 for the week ending June 7. Stable Materials increased from 112.8 to 112.9, influenced by firmer quotations for unbleached sulphite pulp, while the Sensitive group rose from 124.9 to 125.4, when advances predominated in both Manufacturing and Food Materials. Higher prices ruled for raw rubber, tin ingots and linseed oil, and these outweighed reductions in rosin and raw silk to raise Manufacturing Materials from 123.5 to 124.1. Food Materials rose from 128.4 to 128.9, due to an increase in steers.

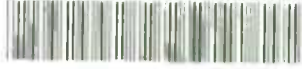
General Wholesale Commodities advanced from 81.7 to 81.9. Vegetable Products, Wood and Chemicals moved higher, but Animal Products, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals declined. Among the more important commodities to show increases were raw rubber, potatoes, meats, pulp and tin, while reductions were noted for flour, dairy products, raw silk and silver.

Canadian Farm Products eased from 65.8 to 65.7. Grains and hay were shaded somewhat, but potatoes and onions were buoyant and raised the index for Field Products from 54.3 to 54.6. Animal Products declined from 85.1 to 84.4, when increases in live-stock and poultry failed to offset reductions in hides and eggs.

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Price		Price		Price		Price	
		June	May	June	June	May	June	June	May
		9	31	7	9	31	9	31	7
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	65.2	77.8	78.1	100.2	119.9	120.3		
Stable .....	12	87.6	99.8	99.8	99.0	112.8	112.9		
Sensitive .....	18	53.5	66.0	66.3	101.0	124.9	125.4		
Manufacturing .....	13	52.0	65.3	65.6	98.0	123.5	124.1		
Food .....	5	57.6	67.6	67.9	109.5	128.4	128.9		

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Price		Price		Price		Price	
		June	May	May	May	June	June	May	June
		9	17	24	31	9	17	24	31
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	73.3	81.9	81.2	81.7	81.9			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	61.7	72.3	70.1	71.2	71.8			
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	71.7	76.0	75.8	76.5	76.4			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products.	85	66.5	83.3	83.2	83.3	83.2			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	76.7	87.7	87.7	87.7	87.8			
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	97.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products.	18	69.4	76.5	76.5	76.8	76.7			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	84.7	88.7	88.7	88.8	88.8			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	77.8	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.5			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	64.4	68.3	64.8	65.8	65.7			

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