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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Continuing the advance of the previous two weeks, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material prices, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 120.3 for the week of June 7 to 121.9 for the week of June 14. Both Manufacturing and Food Materials moved higher, the former rising from 124.1 to 127.7, as firmer prices ruled for rubber, cotton, silk and tin ingots, while Food Materials changed from 128.9 to 129.8, when an increase in steers outweighed a reduction in wheat. The Stable group was unchanged at 112.9.

General Wholesale Commodities, on the contrary, were slightly easier, declining from 81.9 for the week of June 7 to 81.8 for the week of June 14. Vegetable Products moved lower, but Animal Products, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals advanced. Grains were weak and flour, vegetable oils and lard moved down as well, while livestock, fresh meats, raw cotton and tin ingots were among those commodities to advance.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 65.7 to 65.5. Grains were mainly responsible for lowering the index of Field Products from 54.6 to 53.9. Animal Products rose from 84.4 to 84.8 when increases in livestock and hides proved of more importance than a decline in eggs.

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		June 16	June 7	June 14	June 16	June 7	June 14		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	65.1	78.1	79.1	100.1	120.3	121.9		
Stable	12	87.6	99.8	99.8	99.0	112.9	112.9		
Sensitive	18	53.4	66.3	67.8	100.9	125.4	128.3		
Manufacturing	13	51.9	65.6	67.5	97.7	124.1	127.7		
Food	5	57.6	67.9	68.3	109.5	128.9	129.8		
				(1926=100)					
		No. of Series		1939		1940			
		June 16		May 24		May 31		June 7	
		June 14		June 14		June 14		June 14	
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.1	81.2	81.7	81.9	81.8			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	61.4	70.1	71.2	71.8	71.1			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	71.2	75.8	76.8	76.4	77.4			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.4	83.2	83.3	83.2	83.5			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.8	87.7	87.7	87.8	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	69.2	76.5	76.8	76.7	76.9			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.7	88.7	88.8	88.8	88.8			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.7	85.4	85.4	85.5	85.5			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	62.9	64.8	65.8	65.7	65.5			



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