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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Reversing the movement of the previous three weeks, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material prices on the base August 1939=100 declined from 121.9 to 120.2 between the weeks ended June 14 and 21. The stable price group was unchanged at 112.9 but the sensitive group fell from 128.3 to 125.4. Both the manufacturing and food sub-groups were lower. Reductions in prices of tan and hemp were instrumental in depressing manufacturing materials from 127.7 to 124.7. Food materials moved down from 129.8 to 127.0, lower quotations for wheat and steers outweighing gains for hogs.

The Bureau's general wholesale price index eased still lower in the week of June 21 and the index on the base 1926-100 fell from 81.8 to 81.5. Animal products led the decline with a drop of more than 1 p.c. Vegetable products also moved down about 1 p.c. and smaller losses occurred in the non-ferrous metal group. Wood products, iron and steel and chemicals were slightly higher than in the previous month while fibres and non-metallics remained unchanged.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 65.5 to 63.8. Lower prices for grain and hay reduced the vegetable products index from 53.9 to 52.1. Animal Products declined from 84.8 to 83.5 as recessions in livestock and egg markets outweighed gains for hides and skins.

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		June	June	June	June	June	June	June	June
		23	14	21	23	14	21		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	65.2	79.1	78.0	100.2	121.9	120.2		
Stable	12	88.3	99.8	99.8	99.9	112.9	112.9		
Sensitive	18	53.3	67.8	66.2	100.5	128.3	125.4		
Manufacturing	13	51.7	67.5	65.9	97.4	127.7	124.7		
Food	5	57.5	68.3	66.8	109.2	129.8	127.0		

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		June	May	June	June	June	June	June	June
		23	31	7	14	21			
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.3	81.7	81.9	81.8	81.5			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	61.8	71.2	71.8	71.1	70.4			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	71.2	76.5	76.4	77.4	76.4			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.4	83.3	83.2	83.5	83.5			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.0	87.7	87.8	87.8	87.9			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.6			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.3	76.8	76.7	76.9	76.7			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.6	88.8	88.8	88.8	88.8			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.8	85.4	85.5	85.5	85.7			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.5	65.8	65.7	65.5	63.8			

