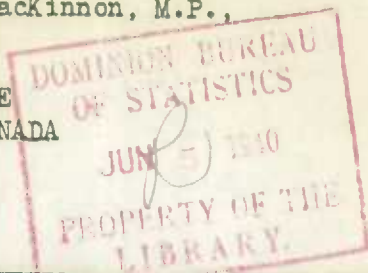


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Following a reaction in the previous week, Industrial Material prices rallied in the week ending May 31, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 119.8 to 119.9. Food Materials advanced from 124.2 to 128.4, as firmer quotations ruled for wheat, oats and steers. Manufacturing Materials, on the other hand, declined from 124.7 to 123.5, when an increase in tin ingots failed to offset reductions in raw rubber, rosin and raw silk. The Stable group remained at 112.8.

General Wholesale Commodities increased from 81.2 to 81.7. Of the eight major groups comprising the index, Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Textiles, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals advanced, while Wood, Iron and Chemicals were unchanged. Some of the outstanding commodities to move higher were grains, sugar, livestock, raw cotton and copper, but raw rubber, vegetable oils, lard and raw silk declined. This index has been relatively steady so far this year, ranging between 81.2 and 83.2, or approximately 13 p.c. above pre-war levels.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 64.8 for the week ending May 24 to 65.8 for the week ending May 31. The comparative figure for the corresponding week of last year was 64.7. Field Products advanced from 53.1 to 54.3, largely because of an increase in grains, while Animal Products moved from 84.5 to 85.1, due to firmer prices for livestock.

	No. of Series	1939			1940		
		June	May	May	June	May	May
		2	24	31	2	24	31
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	65.2	77.7	77.8	100.3	119.8	119.9
Stable	12	87.6	99.8	99.8	99.0	112.8	112.8
Sensitive	18	53.6	65.8	66.0	101.2	124.7	124.9
Manufacturing	13	51.8	66.0	65.3	97.5	124.7	123.5
Food	5	58.6	65.4	67.6	111.4	124.2	128.4
		1939		1940			
		June	May	May	May	May	
		2	10	17	24	31	
		(1926=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.5	82.8	81.9	81.2	81.7	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products	135	62.4	75.8	72.3	70.1	71.2	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	71.6	76.2	76.0	75.8	76.5	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products.	85	66.4	83.4	83.3	83.2	83.3	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.7	87.4	87.7	87.7	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	69.4	76.5	76.5	76.5	76.8	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.7	87.1	88.7	88.7	88.8	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.8	85.6	85.4	85.4	85.4	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.7	71.3	68.3	64.8	65.8	

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