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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-40.

Advances offset declines in Industrial Material prices during the week ending August 9, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939 = 100, remained at 119.1. Food Materials were buoyant, rising from 124.1 to 125.3, as increases in wheat, oats and steers outweighed a reduction in hogs, but Manufacturing Materials fell from 120.0 to 119.5, because of lower quotations for raw rubber and tin ingots. These opposing trends left the Sensitive Materials index unchanged at 121.2 and the Stable group was unchanged also at 116.0.

General Wholesale Commodities rose from 82.1 to 82.2. Vegetable Products and Wood advanced, while Animal Products, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals moved lower.

Canadian Farm Products increased from 62.3 to 62.7. Higher prices for grains, potatoes and hay boosted the index for Field Products from 50.3 to 50.6, while Animal Products rose from 82.3 to 82.9, when advances in livestock and eggs outweighed a reduction in hides.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities between the Weeks ended August 2 and 9.

Increases: wood pulp 8.3, oats 5.2, eggs 3.7, potatoes 1.4, wheat 1.0.

Decreases: copper wire bars 4.4, raw rubber 4.0, hides 2.1, fresh meats 1.4.

	No. of:	1939 :	1940 :	1939 :	1940 :	
	Price :	Aug. :	Aug. :	Aug. :	Aug. :	
	Series:	11 :	2 :	9 :	11 :	
		(1926=100)			(August 1939 - 100)	
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES.....	30	64.7	77.3	77.2	99.5	119.1
Stable.....	12	88.3	102.5	102.5	99.9	116.0
Sensitive.....	18	52.6	64.0	64.0	99.3	121.2
Manufacturing.....	13	52.9	63.5	63.2	99.6	120.0
Food.....	5	51.9	65.3	65.9	98.5	124.1
					119.1	125.3

	No. of:	1939 :	1940 :	1940 :	Aug. :
	Price :	Aug. :	July :	July :	Aug. :
	Series:	11 :	19 :	26 :	2 :
		(1926 = 100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES... 567	72.1	82.0	82.0	82.1	82.2
Chief Component Groups					
I. Vegetable Products..... 135	58.5	70.6	70.5	69.8	69.9
II. Animals and Their Products... 76	70.3	77.2	77.0	76.4	76.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products..... 85	66.2	83.1	83.2	83.2	83.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper. 49	77.0	89.0	89.1	89.2	90.4
V. Iron and Its Products..... 44	97.4	102.6	103.0	105.5	105.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products..... 18	69.7	76.1	76.1	76.5	76.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products.. 83	84.7	89.7	90.0	90.0	89.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products. 77	77.6	88.8	89.6	89.6	89.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS..... 70	61.8	64.2	63.5	62.3	62.7

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