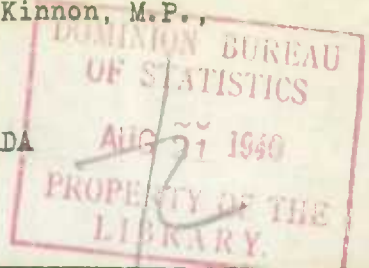


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-40.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, was unchanged at 119.5 for the week ending August 16. A slight reduction in iron ore lowered the Stable group from 117.0 to 116.8, while Sensitive Materials rose from 121.2 to 121.3, as an increase in Food Materials outweighed a decline in Manufacturing Materials. The former advanced from 125.3 to 126.1, when a rise in hogs proved of more importance than slight decreases in wheat, oats and steers. Sensitive Manufacturing Material prices eased from 119.5 to 119.4, influenced mainly by lower quotations for hides, raw silk and tin ingots.

General Wholesale Commodities remained at 82.3. Animal Products, Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals moved higher, while Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals declined.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 62.7 to 62.3. Decreases in grains, potatoes, hay and straw lowered the index for Field Products from 50.6 to 49.9, but Animal Products rose from 82.9 to 83.1, when advances in livestock, eggs and wool exerted a greater influence than a decline in hides.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities between the Weeks ended August 9 and 16.

Increases: boiler plate 12.8, drugs and pharmaceuticals 9.6, Maritime spruce 4.7, clay and allied products 3.7, eggs 2.5.
Decreases: potatoes 11.1, leather 4.2, raw silk 1.5, tin ingots 0.9, grains 0.4.

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940
	Price	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.
	Series:	18	9	16	18
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)	
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES.....	30	64.8	x77.5	77.5	99.6 x119.5 119.5
Stable	12	88.3	x103.5	103.2	99.9 x117.0 116.8
Sensitive	18	52.7	64.0	64.1	99.5 121.2 121.3
Manufacturing	13	53.0	63.2	63.2	99.7 119.5 119.4
Food	5	52.0	65.9	66.3	98.8 125.3 126.1

	No. of	1939	1940	
	Price	Aug.	July	Aug.
	Series:	18	26	2
		(1926=100)		
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES....	567	71.9	x82.3	x82.3
Chief Component Groups				x82.3 82.3
I. Vegetable Products	135	57.8	70.5	69.8
II. Animals and Their Products	76	70.3	77.0	76.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.4	x83.6	x83.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	76.9	x90.3	x90.4
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	103.0	105.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.9	x76.8	x77.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.5	90.0	90.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ..	77	77.6	89.6	89.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.5	63.5	62.3

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