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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

Although usually of moderate proportions, price movements were mostly upward in the week of September 6, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material prices, on the Basis August 1939=100, rose from 121.0 for the week of August 30 to 121.5. No changes occurred in the Stable price group, which remained at 117.3, but the Sensitive price group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, advanced from 123.5 to 124.5. This was due to strength in Food Materials, which rose from 126.5 to 129.8, as higher prices ruled for wheat, oats, steers and hogs. Increases in raw rubber, raw silk and tin ingots offset declines in raw cotton and linseed oil to leave Manufacturing Materials unchanged at 122.4.

General Wholesale Commodities advanced from 82.7 to 82.8. Small increases occurred in Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals, but the remaining five groups were unchanged.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 63.1 to 63.8. Field Products moved from 50.3 to 50.7, because of firmer quotations for grains and potatoes, while Animal Products increased from 84.4 to 85.3, when higher prices for livestock, hides and poultry outweighed a small reduction in eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities between the Weeks ended August 30 and September 6.

Increases: hides 6.3, imported copper wire bars 4.5, livestock 4.4, wheat 0.3, fresh meats 0.3.

Decreases: raw cotton 0.5, eggs 0.3.

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Sept. 8	Aug. 30	Sept. 6	Aug. 30	Sept. 8	Aug. 30	Sept. 6	
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	70.5	78.5	78.8	108.5	121.0	121.5		
Stable	12	88.5	103.7	103.7	100.1	117.3	117.3		
Sensitive	18	60.6	65.3	65.7	114.5	123.5	124.5		
Manufacturing	13	58.6	64.7	64.7	110.4	122.4	122.4		
Food	5	66.4	66.6	68.3	126.1	126.5	129.8		
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	75.9	82.5	82.6	82.7	82.8			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	68.6	69.8	70.2	70.0	70.1			
II. Animals and Their Products	75	71.9	76.5	76.8	77.6	78.1			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	67.0	83.7	83.7	83.6	83.6			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	78.2	90.7	90.7	90.8	90.8			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.5	105.7	105.8	105.8	105.8			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	73.8	76.8	77.0	77.0	77.3			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.3	x90.4	x90.3	x90.4	90.4			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.7	91.6	90.2	90.3	90.3			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.4	62.3	62.8	63.1	63.8			

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