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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

Price movements of Industrial Materials were generally narrow in the week ending September 13, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, decreased from 121.5 for the week ending September 6 to 121.4. The Stable price group was unchanged at 117.3, but the Sensitive price group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, declined from 124.5 to 124.3. Reductions in raw rubber, raw silk, cotton, cottonseed oil and tin ingots lowered Manufacturing Materials from 122.4 to 121.7, while Food Materials rose from 129.8 to 131.0, as higher quotations for wheat, oats and hogs proved of more importance than a decrease in steers.

General Wholesale Commodities, on the contrary, rose from 82.8 to 83.0. Reductions predominated in Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals, whereas Vegetable Products and Animal Products moved higher. Since the outbreak of war at the beginning of September 1939, the general wholesale index has risen 10.2 or 14 p.c. Most of the increase has occurred in Textiles, Chemicals, Wood and Vegetable Products, while Animal Products, Iron, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals have made somewhat smaller advances. In the same period the index for Canadian Farm Products has risen 6.2 points or 10.7 p.c.

During the week, Canadian Farm Products moved up from 63.8 to 64.4. Higher prices for grains and potatoes outweighed declines in onions and hay to raise the index for Field Products from 50.7 to 51.4, while Animal Products rose from 85.8 to 86.1, because of advances in hides and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities between the Weeks ended September 6th and 13th.

Increases: oats 4.5, fresh meats 2.1, wheat 0.6, fish 0.6, eggs 0.4.  
Decreases: tin ingots 3.5, raw coffee 0.8, raw cotton 0.7, raw rubber 0.6, raw silk 0.2.

	: No. of	: 1939		: 1940			
		: Price	: Sept.	: Sept.	: Sept.	: Sept.	: Sept.
	: Series	: 15	: 6	: 13	: 15	: 6	: 13
			(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	74.5	78.8	78.8	114.6	121.5	121.4
Stable .....	12	89.3	103.7	103.7	101.0	117.3	117.3
Sensitive .....	18	66.1	65.7	65.6	124.7	124.5	124.3
Manufacturing .....	13	64.0	64.7	64.4	120.6	122.4	121.7
Food .....	5	71.7	68.3	69.0	136.3	129.8	131.0
	: No. of	: 1939	: 1940				
	: Price	: Sept.	: Aug.	: Aug.	: Sept.	: Sept.	
	: Series	: 15	: 23	: 30	: 6	: 13	
			(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	77.4	82.6	82.7	82.8	83.0	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	69.0	70.2	70.0	70.1	70.3	
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	77.1	76.8	77.6	78.1	78.8	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	67.5	83.7	83.6	83.6	83.5	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	81.3	90.7	90.8	90.8	90.8	
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	97.5	105.8	105.8	105.8	105.8	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	74.4	77.0	77.0	77.3	77.2	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	84.4	90.3	90.4	90.4	90.4	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	78.2	90.2	90.3	90.3	90.3	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	64.8	62.8	63.1	63.8	64.4	

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