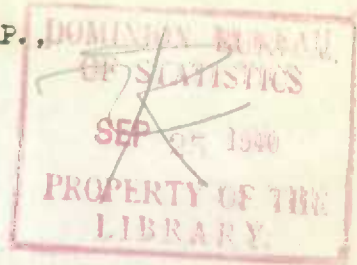


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

Industrial Material prices were moderately firmer, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 121.4 for the week ending September 13 to 122.0 for the week ending September 20. The Stable price group remained at 117.6, but the Sensitive price group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, advanced from 124.1 to 125.0. Manufacturing Materials rose from 121.5 to 123.3, as increases in hides and raw cotton proved more important than reductions in raw rubber and raw silk, but Food Materials fell from 131.0 to 129.6, due to declines in wheat, steers and hogs.

The General Wholesale Index remained at 83.0. Vegetable Products moved lower, and Non-Ferrous Metals were unchanged, while small increases were shown by the remaining six groups.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 64.4 to 64.1. Field Products dropped from 51.4 to 50.8, because of decreases in grains, potatoes, onions and hay, but Animal Products rose from 86.1 to 86.3, when advances in hides, milk and eggs outweighed a decline in livestock.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities between the Weeks ended September 13th and 20th.

- Increases: hides 7.1, fish 3.3, raw cocoa beans 3.2, eggs 2.7, silk hose 2.6, iron pipe 0.8.
- Decreases: leather 6.0, fresh meats 2.0, raw silk 1.8, grains 1.2, raw rubber 0.6.

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Sept. 22	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 13	Sept. 22	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	74.0	78.8	79.2	113.9	121.4	122.0		
Stable	12	90.0	x103.9	103.9	101.8	x117.6	117.6		
Sensitive	18	65.3	x 65.5	66.0	123.3	x124.1	125.0		
Manufacturing	13	64.1	x 64.2	65.2	120.8	x121.5	123.3		
Food	5	63.5	69.0	68.2	130.2	131.0	129.6		
				(1926=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	77.9	x82.8	x82.9	83.0	83.0			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	68.5	70.0	70.1	70.3	69.9			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.5	77.6	78.1	78.8	78.9			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.6	83.6	83.6	83.5	83.6			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	81.4	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.1			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.7	105.8	105.8	105.8	106.0			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	38	74.7	77.0	77.3	77.2	77.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.8	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.6			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	80.2	90.3	90.3	90.3	90.4			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.4	63.1	63.8	64.4	64.1			

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