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Stocks of Raw Hides and Skins in Canada

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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics presents herewith one of a series of monthly reports based on information secured for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board showing stocks of raw hides and skins on hand in Canada. The figures contained in the table represent the total domestic and foreign stocks held at the end of the month by tanners, packing plants and dealers in hides and skins. Domestic hides and skins in transit to these firms are included. Foreign hides and skins in transit to Canadian firms are not included but are mentioned separately in a footnote to the table.

Stocks of raw cattle hides held by tanners, packers and dealers in Canada amounted to 738,370 hides at the end of March, 1940, compared with 721,495 hides at the end of February and 744,471 at the end of January. Total stocks on hand at the close of March were comprised of 587,975 domestic hides and 150,395 hides of foreign origin. Domestic hides on hand increased by 4 per cent from the preceding month when 565,821 hides were reported while stocks of foreign hides declined by a similar percentage during the same interval.

Calf and kip skins on hand declined from 450,323 at the end of February to 414,857 at the end of March, a slight increase in stocks of domestic origin being more than offset by a reduction in the number of foreign hides on hand.

There were 85,909 dozen sheep and lamb skins in stock at the end of March, also 48,761 goat and kid skins and 20,833 horse hides.

Stocks on Hand

	January 31, 1940	February 29, 1940	March 31, 1940
Cattle Hides - Domestic Packer Country Domestic, Total Foreign Cattle Hides, Total	360,639 201,527 562,166 182,305 744,471	377,014 188,807 565,821 155,674 721,495	375,132 212,843 587,975 150,395 738,370
Calf and Kip Skins - Domestic Packer Country Domestic, Total Foreign Calf and Kip Skins, Total	186,955 138,498 325,453 208,004 533,457	176,511 109,568 286,079 164,244 450,323	174,921 113,981 288,902 125,955 414,857
Sheep and Lamb Skins - (doz.)	77,269	76,604	85,909
Goat and Kid Skins	108,414	67,287	48,761
Horse Hides	24,496	21,677	20,833

Note: In addition, foreign raw hides in transit to Canadian tanners were reported at 31,874 cattle hides at the end of January, 1940, 16,260 cattle hides and 8,161 calf skins at the end of February and 21,357 cattle hides and 19,338 calf skins at the end of March.

