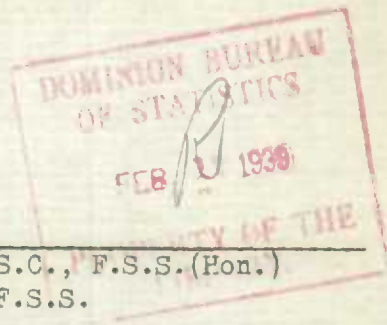


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
(1926=100)

Largely because of firmer quotations for food products, the decline in whole-sale commodity prices was checked in the week ending January 27 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index remained unchanged at 73.2. Of the eight major groups comprising the index, advances were made by Vegetable Products and Animals, while decreases occurred in Textiles, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals. Much the same pattern was followed by the Bureau's index of Industrial Material Prices, which rose from 64.4 to 64.5. The Stable group remained at 88.1 while the Sensitive group index mounted from 52.2 to 52.4 as strength in foods (55.5 to 56.8) more than offset reductions in Manufacturing Materials (51.0 to 50.8). Wheat, oats, steers and hogs were buoyant, while raw rubber, raw cotton, rosin and several of the more important non-ferrous metals receded.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 64.8 to 64.9. Field Products fell from 54.9 to 54.8, influenced mainly by weakness in potatoes, onions and hay, while Animal Products advanced from 81.3 to 81.9, when increases in livestock and poultry outweighed reductions in hides, eggs and wool. Exports of poultry have attained record proportions and prices have proved responsive.

	No. of	1938		1939				
		Price	Series	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.		
				28	6	13	20	27
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	83.6	73.4	73.3	73.2	73.2		
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT								
MATERIALS								
I. Vegetable Products	135	87.1	60.2	60.1	60.1	60.2		
II. Animals and Their Products	76	77.4	73.3	73.1	73.1	73.3		
III. Fibres, Textiles & Textile Products	85	68.5	66.4	66.1	66.2	66.1		
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	79.7	76.3	76.3	76.2	76.2		
V. Iron and Its Products	44	103.9	98.1	98.1	97.7	97.5		
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products	18	71.2	71.4	70.9	70.3	69.9		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	86.3	86.3	86.3	86.3		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.8	79.0	79.0	78.8	78.8		
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	85.5	64.9	64.6	64.8	64.9		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30		64.4	64.0	64.4	64.5		
Stable	12		88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1		
Sensitive	18		52.2	51.7	52.2	52.4		
Manufacturing	13		50.5	50.5	51.0	50.8		
Food	5		57.0	55.1	55.5	56.8		

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