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

After a pause of three weeks, wholesale commodity prices again moved lower in the week ending February 10 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index declined to 73.0 from 73.2 for the week ending February 3. Decreases were more numerous in the Vegetable, Animal, Textile and Non-Ferrous groups, while Chemical Products moved slightly higher. Chief among the commodities to show reductions were grains, livestock, raw cotton and copper but raw coffee, raw silk and fresh meats made moderate gains. The index of Industrial Material Prices reacted under pressure of declining food prices and dropped from 64.7 to 64.2. The Stable group remained at 88.1, but the Sensitive group index fell from 52.7 to 52.0, due solely to general weakness in Food Materials, which broke sharply from 57.5 to 55.0. Price changes in Manufacturing Materials were insignificant and the index for this series was unchanged at 50.9.

Canadian Farm Products dipped from 65.0 to 64.4. Field Products declined from 55.1 to 55.0 largely because of easiness in grains, while Animal Products fell from 81.7 to 80.2, due to reductions in livestock, hides, eggs and wool.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1938 :		1939		
		: Feb. : 11	: Jan. : 20	: Jan. : 27	: Feb. : 3	: Feb. : 10
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	83.6	73.2	73.2	73.2	73.0
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	87.2	60.1	60.2	60.3	60.2
II. Animals and Their Products	76	77.2	73.1	73.3	73.2	72.5
III. Fibres, Textiles & Textile Products	85	68.6	66.2	66.1	66.0	65.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	79.7	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.2
V. Iron and Its Products	44	103.9	97.7	97.5	97.5	97.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products	18	70.2	70.3	69.9	70.1	69.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	86.3	86.3	85.7	85.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.8	78.8	78.8	78.8	78.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	85.2	64.8	64.9	65.0	64.4
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30		64.4	64.5	64.7	64.2
Stable	12		88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Sensitive	18		52.2	52.4	52.7	52.0
Manufacturing	13		51.0	50.8	50.9	50.9
Food	5		55.5	56.8	57.5	55.0

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