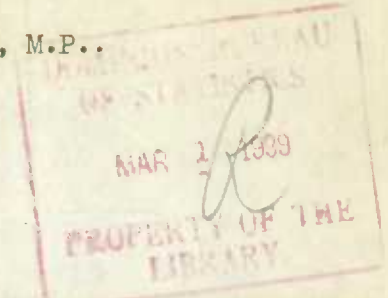


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of wholesale commodity prices remained unchanged at 73.3 for the week ending February 24, when an advance in Animal Products offset recessions in Textiles, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals. Despite the Lenten season and small export shipments to Southern markets, livestock prices were well maintained during the week, as storm-blocked roads reduced stock-yard receipts. Grains, raw meats, raw silk and tin also moved higher, while bread, eggs, cloth, steel sheets and copper were somewhat easier. The index of Industrial Material Prices rose from 64.3 for the week ending February 17 to 64.5 for the week ending February 24. The Stable group declined further from 88.0 to 87.8, mainly influenced by moderate decreases in pulp and steel sheets, but the Sensitive group, comprising both manufacturing and food materials, was more buoyant and advanced from 52.2 to 52.6. The Manufacturing Materials index increased from 50.6 to 50.8, when higher quotations for raw rubber, rosin, raw silk and tin outweighed reductions in raw cotton and copper, while the Food Materials index mounted from 56.6 to 57.4 because of strength in wheat, oats and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 65.0 to 65.1. Field Products continued at 54.9, when increases in grains and hay cancelled declines in potatoes and onions, but Animal Products stepped up from 82.0 to 82.1, as advances in livestock and hides exerted a greater influence than a reduction in eggs.

	: No. of : Series	: 1938 :		: 1939 :		
		: Price	: Feb. :	: Feb. :	: Feb. :	: Feb. :
		: 25	: 3	: 10	: 17	: 24
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	83.8	73.2	73.0	73.3	73.3
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	87.2	60.3	60.2	60.5	60.5
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.4	73.2	72.5	73.6	74.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	68.7	66.0	65.9	66.2	65.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	79.5	76.2	76.2	76.1	76.1
V. Iron and Its Products	44	103.8	97.5	97.5	97.6	97.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	71.5	70.1	69.9	69.7	69.6
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	85.7	85.7	85.7	85.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.9	78.8	78.9	78.3	78.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	85.2	65.0	64.4	65.0	65.1
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30		64.7	64.2	64.3	64.5
Stable	12		88.1	88.1	88.0	87.8
Sensitive	18		52.7	52.0	52.2	52.6
Manufacturing	13		50.9	50.9	50.6	50.8
Food	5		57.5	55.0	56.0	57.4

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