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

The week ending February 3 was the third in succession in which the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of wholesale commodity prices stood at 73.2. This corresponded with levels early in July, 1936, and was 14.5 points below the peak of 87.7 reached in July, 1937. Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals were buoyant but Animal Products, Textiles and Non-Metallic Minerals moved lower. Moderate increases occurred in grains, raw rubber, livestock, fresh meats and copper, while raw coffee, hides, eggs, raw wool and fuel oil receded. The more sensitive index of Industrial Material Prices, on the other hand, continued to rise, moving from 64.5 for the week ending January 27 to 64.7 for the week ending February 3. The Stable groups remained at 88.1, but the Sensitive group mounted from 52.4 to 52.7, supported by both Manufacturing Materials (50.8 to 50.9) and Food Materials (56.8 to 57.5).

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 64.9 to 65.0. Field Products rose from 54.8 to 55.1 because of strength in grains, potatoes and straw, while Animal Products fell from 81.9 to 81.7 when reductions in hides, eggs and wool outweighed an increase in livestock.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1938 : 1939				
		: Feb. : Jan. : Jan. : Jan. : Feb.				
		: 4	: 13	: 20	: 27	: 3
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	83.6	73.3	73.2	73.2	73.2
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	87.2	60.1	60.1	60.2	60.3
II. Animals and Their Products	76	76.8	73.1	73.1	73.3	73.2
III. Fibres, Textiles & Textile Products..	85	68.5	66.1	66.2	66.1	66.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	79.7	76.3	76.2	76.2	76.2
V. Iron and Its Products	44	103.9	98.1	97.7	97.5	97.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products..	18	70.9	70.9	70.3	69.9	70.1
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	86.3	86.3	86.3	85.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.8	79.0	78.8	78.8	78.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	85.4	64.6	64.8	64.9	65.0
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES						
Stable	12	94.5	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Sensitive	18	56.5	51.7	52.2	52.4	52.7
Manufacturing	13	51.4	50.5	51.0	50.8	50.9
Food	5	72.3	55.1	55.5	56.8	57.5

