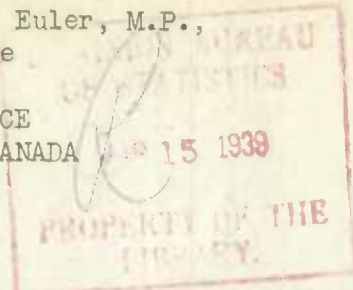


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
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The inertness which has characterized wholesale commodity price movements since last September was still apparent in the week ending March 10 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index remained unchanged from the previous week at 73.2. Influenced by a slight weakness in grains the Vegetable group declined from 60.4 to 60.3, but this was offset by increases in Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals which moved from 65.9 to 66.2 and 69.7 to 70.1 respectively.

Although more sensitive to week-by-week market behaviour, the Bureau's index of Industrial Material Prices moved but 0.1 higher to 64.7, bringing the net gain since the beginning of September to 0.5. No change occurred in the Stable index which stood at 87.8, but the Sensitive group moved from 52.6 to 52.8, stimulated by firmer prices for manufacturing materials. The index for Manufacturing Materials mounted from 51.1 to 51.3, when higher quotations for rosin, hemp and several of the non-ferrous metals proved of greater importance than reductions in raw rubber and raw silk. The Food Materials index remained at 56.8 as decreases in wheat, oats and steers cancelled advances in raw sugar and bacon hogs.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 64.9 to 65.0. Field Products was unchanged at 54.8, but Animal Products advanced from 81.8 to 82.0, due largely to increases in hides and eggs.

	No. of Price Series	1938					1939	
		March	Feb.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.		
		11	17	24	3	10		
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	83.2	73.3	73.3	73.2	73.2		
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS								
I. Vegetable Products	135	85.0	60.5	60.5	60.4	60.3		
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.0	73.6	74.1	73.6	73.6		
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	68.6	66.2	65.9	65.9	66.2		
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	79.4	76.1	76.1	76.1	76.1		
V. Iron and Its Products	44	103.7	97.6	97.4	97.4	97.4		
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.9	69.7	69.6	69.7	70.1		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	85.7	85.7	85.7	85.7		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.5	78.3	78.3	78.3	78.3		
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	82.8	65.0	65.1	64.9	65.0		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES	30		64.3	64.5	64.6	64.7		
Stable	12		88.0	87.8	87.8	87.8		
Sensitive	18		52.2	52.6	52.6	52.8		
Manufacturing	13		50.6	50.8	51.1	51.3		
Food	5		56.0	57.4	56.8	56.8		

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