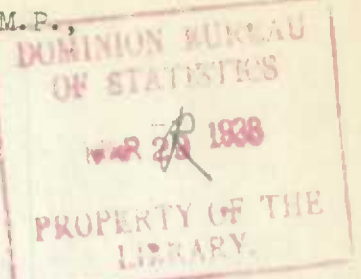


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
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Following the recession of the previous week a more buoyant tone developed on commodity markets and the index for Industrial Material Prices rose from 64.5 for the week ending March 17 to 64.9 for the week ending March 24. This was the highest point touched since August and compared with 68.6 for the corresponding week of last year. The index for the Stable group continued unchanged at 87.8, but the Sensitive index mounted from 52.6 to 53.0, as both the Food and Manufacturing Material groups moved higher. The former rose from 56.2 to 57.3 as firmer prices ruled for wheat, raw sugar, steers and hogs, while the latter advanced from 51.2 to 51.4, influenced to a large extent by increases in some of the more important non-ferrous metals.

The weekly index of wholesale commodity prices moved from 73.1 to 73.2 as strength in Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals outweighed declines in Animal Products, Textiles, Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals. Among the leading commodities to register increases were grains, raw sugar, meats, pulp and copper while raw rubber, furs, eggs, furniture and coal moved lower.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 65.0 to 65.3. Field Products advanced from 54.8 to 55.2, bolstered by higher quotations for grains, potatoes and onions, while Animal Products remained at 82.2, as an increase in livestock was offset by reductions in hides and eggs.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: 1938 :		: 1939 :		
		Mar. : 25 :	Mar. : 3 :	Mar. : 10 :	Mar. : 17 :	Mar. : 24 :
INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES	30	68.6	64.6	64.7	64.5	64.9
Stable	12	93.8	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.8
Sensitive	18	55.7	52.6	52.8	52.6	53.0
Manufacturing	13	49.6	51.1	51.3	51.2	51.4
Food	5	72.8	56.8	56.8	56.2	57.3
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	83.0	73.2	73.2	73.1	73.2
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	84.3	60.4	60.3	60.1	60.8
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.8	73.6	73.6	73.7	73.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	68.3	65.9	66.2	65.9	65.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	79.1	76.1	76.1	76.1	76.0
V. Iron and Its Products	44	103.3	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	71.4	69.7	70.1	70.0	70.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.9	85.7	85.7	85.7	85.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.4	78.3	78.3	78.3	77.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	82.3	64.9	65.0	65.0	65.3

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