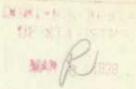
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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939 (1926=100)

Wholesale commodity markets moved irregularly lower during the week ending March 3 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index declined to 73.2 from 73.3 for the previous week. Non-Ferrous Metals were slightly firmer, but Vegetable and Animal Products weakened. The index for Industrial Material Prices, on the other hand, rose from 64.5 to 64.6. Fractional gains in both Stable (87.8) and Sensitive (52.6) indexes, while too small to change their respective group indexes, had a combined effect suffic cient to advance the composite index 0.1. The component divisions of the Sensitive group moved in opposite directions. Manufacturing Materials responded to increases in raw rubber, rosin, raw cotton, raw silk, copper and tin and stepped up from 50.8 to 1.1, while the Food Materials group fell from 57.4 to 56.8 influenced mainly by declines in wheat, oats and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products dipped from 65.1 to 64.9. Field Products eased from 54.9 to 54.8, when modest declines in grains, straw and hay outweighed a rise in potatoes, and Animal Products dropped from 82.1 to 81.8 largely because of a reduction in eggs.

		No.of Price Series	1938	1939			
			Mar.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Mar
Total Index 567 Commodities INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS		567	83.5	73.0	73.3	73.3	73.2
I.	Vegetable Products	135	86.1	60.2	60.5	60.5	60.4
II.	Animals and Their Products Fibres, Textiles and Textile	76	78.7	72.5	73.6	74.1	73.6
	Products	85	68.6	65.9	66.2	65.9	65.9
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	79.5	76.2	76.1	76.1	76.1
V. VI.	Iron and Its Products Non-Ferrous Metals and Their	44	103.8	97.5	97.6	97.4	97.4
VII.	Products	18	71.2	69.9	69.7	69.6	69.7
	Products	83	87.1	85.7	85.7	85.7	85.7
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.9	78.9	78.3	78.3	78.3
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES		30		64.2	64.3	64.5	64.6
	Stable	12		88.1	88.0	87.8	87.8
	Sensitive	18		52.0	52.2	52.6	52.6
	Manufacturing	13		50.9	50.6	50.8	51.1
	Food	5		55.0	56.0	57.4	56.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS		70	84.3	64-4	65.0	65.1	64.9



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