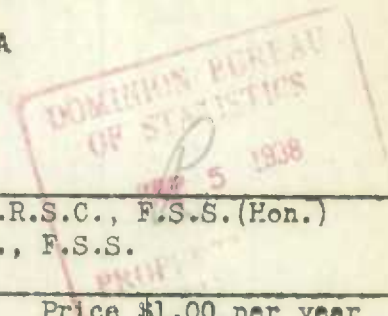


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939  
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The past week was a momentous one in World affairs and price movements on commodity markets were of an uncertain pattern. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices fell from 64.9 for the week ending March 24 to 64.7 for the week ending March 31. The Stable group remained unchanged at 87.8, while the Sensitive group declined from 53.0 to 52.7. Manufacturing Materials eased from 51.4 to 51.3, influenced by lower prices for raw cotton, raw silk, lead and zinc, while Food Materials moved from 57.3 to 56.7 when reductions in wheat, steers and hogs proved of more importance than an increase in raw sugar.

The index of General Wholesale Commodity Prices, on the other hand, rose from 73.2 to 73.3. Vegetable and Wood Products strengthened, while reductions predominated in Animal Products, Textiles, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals. Among the more important commodities to show increases were raw rubber, raw sugar, potatoes, copper and British Columbia forest products, but grains, livestock, meats, butter, cheese and gasoline moved lower.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 65.3 to 65.4. Field Products were buoyant, rising from 55.2 to 55.6 due to strength in potatoes and onions, but Animal Products declined from 82.2 to 81.7, when reductions in livestock and hides outweighed an increase in eggs.

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INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES .....	30	67.7	64.7	64.5	64.9	64.7					
Stable .....	12	93.8	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.8					
Sensitive .....	18	54.6	52.8	52.6	53.0	52.7					
Manufacturing .....	13	48.9	51.3	51.2	51.4	51.3					
Food .....	5	72.7	56.8	56.2	57.3	56.7					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	86.9	73.2	73.1	73.2	73.3					
Chief Component Groups											
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	94.6	60.3	60.1	60.8	61.1					
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	75.7	73.6	73.7	73.4	73.0					
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	73.8	66.2	65.9	65.8	65.7					
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	77.1	76.1	76.1	76.0	76.2					
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	102.4	97.4	97.4	97.4	97.4					
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	95.6	70.1	70.0	70.4	70.3					
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.4	85.7	85.7	85.2	85.1					
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	81.5	78.3	78.3	77.9	77.9					
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	95.1	65.0	65.0	65.3	65.4					

