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WEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Industrial Material prices continued buoyant in the week ending March 15, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics: index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 123.3 for the week ending March 8 to 123.4. The Stable group was unchanged at 111.9, but the Manufacturing Materials group advanced from 129.0 to 129.5, when a sharp rise in linseed oil outweighed minor decreases in raw silk and tin ingots. In the Food Materials group, reductions in wheat and oats more than offset firmer quotations for steers and hogs, and the index was lowered from 137.9 to 137.8.

The index for General Wholesale Commodity prices remained at 83.1. Declines predominated in Vegetable and Animal Products, while the remaining six groups were unchanged. Bread, potatoes, livestock and meats were among those commodities to sell higher, but reductions were noted for grains, fish, eggs and raw silk.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 71.3 to 71.0. Grains had the greatest in-fluence upon Field Products, which declined from 65.0 to 62.6, while Animal Products moved from 85.2 to 85.1, when an increase in livestock was not sufficient to counteract lower prices for hides,

INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES Stable Sensitive Manufacturing	No.of Price Series	1939	1940	1939	194	0	
		Mar. 17	Mar. Mar. 8 15	: Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	
	30 12 18 13	64.5 87.8 52.6 51.2	(1926=100 80.0 80.1 98.9 98.9 69.5 69.6 68.3 68.5) (Augu 99.3 99.3 99.2	st 1939=1 123.3 111.9 131.5 129.0		
Food		56.2	72.6 72.5			137.8	
	No.of Price Series		:	1940			
			Feb. : 23 :	Mar.: 1 :	Mar.: 8 :	Mar. 15	
	(1926=100)						
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES Chief Component Groups	567	73.1	82.9	82.8	83.1	83.1	
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.1	74.5	74.3	75.0	74.9	
II. Animals and Their Products III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile	76	73.7	80.1	79,7	80.2	80.0	
Products	85	65.9	82.7	82.6	82.6	82.6	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.1	86.6+	86.6+	86.6+	86.6	
V. Iron and Its Products VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their	44	97.4	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	
Products VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and	18	70.0	76.4	76.4	76.4	76.4	
Their Products	83	85.7	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	78,3	87.1	87.3	87.3	87.3	
CANADIAN FARM PROLUCTS	70	65.0	71.2	70.9	71.3	71.0	

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