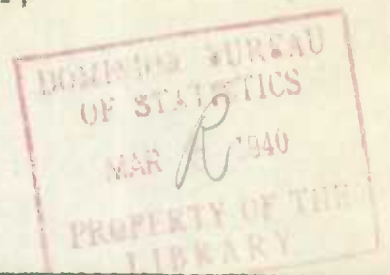


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of industrial prices, on the base August 1939=100, declined from 123.4, for the week ending February 23, to 122.5 for the week of March 1. The Stable group was unchanged at 111.9, but the Sensitive group, composed of Manufacturing and Food Materials, fell from 131.7 to 130.1. Although quotations for tin ingots turned upward, reductions in raw rubber, raw silk and Manila hemp lowered Manufacturing Materials from 129.4 to 127.3, and Food Materials declined from 137.7 to 137.6, as a recession in oats shaded slight increases in wheat and steers.

The General Wholesale Commodity index eased from 82.9 to 82.8. This compared with 73.2 for a year ago. Chemicals, alone of the eight major groups, advanced, whereas Vegetable Products, Animals and Textiles moved lower. Among the more important commodities to be marked down were potatoes, hides, fresh meats, eggs and raw silk, while indexes for fish, alum and fertilizers displayed moderate buoyancy.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 71.2 to 70.9. Field Products moved from 62.8 to 62.6, due to reductions in potatoes and hay, and Animal Products dropped from 85.2 to 84.8 under pressure by hides and eggs.

	: No. of :	1939 :		1940 :		1939 :		1940	
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	
Series:		3	23	1	3	23	1		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.6	79.1	78.5	99.3	123.4	122.5		
Stable	12	87.8	98.9	98.9	99.3	111.9	111.9		
Sensitive	18	52.6	69.6	68.7	99.3	131.7	130.1		
Manufacturing	13	51.1	68.4	67.3	96.2	129.4	127.3		
Food	5	56.8	72.5	72.4	108.0	137.7	137.6		
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		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.2	82.2	82.5	82.9	82.8			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.4	72.9	73.6	74.5	74.3			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.6	79.8	80.0	80.1	79.7			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	65.9	81.8	81.6	82.7	82.6			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.1	86.4	86.4	86.5	86.5			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	103.0	102.6	102.6	102.6			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.7	75.3	75.4	76.4	76.4			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.7	87.1	87.2	87.2	87.2			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	78.3	85.7	87.1	87.1	87.3			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.9	69.5	69.9	71.2	70.9			

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Year	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Description
1980	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	...
1981	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.5	...
1982	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.6	...
1983	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.7	...
1984	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.8	...
1985	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.9	...
1986	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.0	...
1987	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.8	3.1	...
1988	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.2	...
1989	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.3	...
1990	2.2	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.4	...