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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 rose 1.2 points in February being 95.7 as compared with 94.5 in January. 109 price quotations were higher, 48 were lower and 345 were unchanged. Of the eight main groups, four were higher, one was lower and three were unchanged.

The Vegetable Products group rose from 87.4 to 90.2 due mainly to higher levels for grains, flour and other milled products, apples, bananas, tea, rubber, linseed oil, and canned vegetables. Animals and their Products advanced from 106.5 to 108.2, higher prices for furs, meats, poultry, butter, cheese and eggs more than offsetting lower prices for fish, hides, leather, livestock, milk and lard. Wood, Wood Products and Paper rose from 98.0 to 98.2, chiefly because of advances in some lines of lumber. Non-ferrous Metals rose from 93.6 to 95.7, advances in copper, lead, tin and zinc more than offsetting declines in silver and antimony. Non-Metallic Minerals fell from 94.4 to 93.7 chiefly because of declines in gasoline and kerosene. Textiles and Textile Products, Iron and its Products and Chemicals and Allied Products were stationary or practically so.

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