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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 showed a slight rise in March being 96.1 as compared with 95.7 in February. 86 price quotations were higher, 76 were lower and 340 were unchanged. Of the eight main groups, five were higher, two were lower and one was unchanged.

The Vegetable Products group fell from 90.1 to 88.9, lower prices for grains, mill feed, foreign fruits, sugar, potatoes, rubber, naval stores and some vegetable oils more than offsetting higher prices for flour, tea, coffee, apples and hay. Animals and their Products rose from 108.2 to 110.5 due mainly to higher levels for livestock, meats, fowl, butter and cheese. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products fell from 93.2 to 92.8, declines in hessian, jute and wool more than offsetting advances in cotton, silk, flax fibre, hemp, sisal and manila rope. Wood, Wood Products and Paper rose from 98.2 to 99.2, due mainly to advances in some lines of lumber. Iron and its Products, chiefly because of advances in scrap iron, rose from 93.3 to 93.4. Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 95.7 to 101.5. Copper and lead moved sharply upward while spelter and silver advanced slightly. Chemicals and Allied Products, due chiefly to advances in some lines of paint materials, rose from 94.4 to 94.5. Non-Metallic Minerals and their Products were unchanged.

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