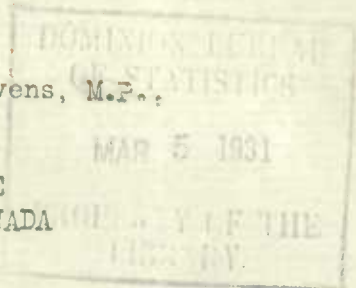


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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, 1926=100, fell from 76.7 in January to 76.0 in February. 42 quotations were higher, 117 were lower, while 343 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products rose from 58.0 to 59.0, owing chiefly to higher prices for flax, oats, rye, barley, wheat, flour, malt, oatmeal and rolled oats, which influenced the index more than declines for canned peaches, canned cherries, corn, gluten meal, potatoes and hay. Animals and Their Products declined from 88.2 to 84.6, on account of price reductions for beaver, white fox, red fox, marten, lynx, muskrat, hides, leather, steers, calves, hogs and lambs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products moved down from 75.5 to 74.7, lower prices for raw jute, hessian, raw silk and raw wool, more than offsetting gains for raw cotton, and fine grade woollen cloth. Wood, Wood Products and Paper fell from 85.1 to 84.9, due to reduced prices for fir timber, cedar boards and cedar level siding. Iron and Its Products dropped from 88.7 to 87.9, because of easier quotations for galvanized steel sheets, wire, and scrap iron and steel. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products declined from 69.1 to 68.9, due to lower prices for antimony electrolytic copper, copper sheets, copper wire, lead and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products changed fractionally from 89.3 to 89.0, on account of easier prices for gasoline and kerosene. Chemicals and Allied Products moved from 88.4 to 88.2, influenced by reduced quotations for litharge, lampblack.

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