

62003
Published by Authority of Hon. H.H. Stevens, M.P.,
Minister of Trade and Commerce

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS - CANADA
INTERNAL TRADE BRANCH

(Issued June 4th, 1931)

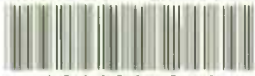
Dominion Statistician:	R.E. Coats, B.A., F.S.S.(Hon.), F.R.S.C.
Chief, Internal Trade Branch:	Herbert Marshall, B.A., F.S.S.
Prices Statistician:	H.F. Greenway, B.A., F.S.S.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
MAY, 1931

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, 1926=100, dropped from 74.5 in April to 73.0 in May. 56 quotations were higher, 127 were lower, while 325 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products declined fractionally from 59.9 to 59.8, lower prices for corn, flour, bread, bran, shorts and potatoes influencing the index more than gains for barley, oats, flax, rye and wheat. Animals and Their Products moved down from 78.0 to 72.7, due chiefly to reduced quotations for hides, steers, hogs, calves, milk, butter and eggs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products rose from 74.7 to 74.8, because of higher prices for georgette, crepe de chene, and worsted cloth yarns, which more than offset losses for raw cotton, hemp and raw silk. Wood, Wood Products and Paper fell from 82.5 to 80.8, on account of lower quotations for newsprint paper, and pine and hemlock lumber. Iron and Its Products declined from 87.6 to 87.5, because of reduced prices for steel tank plates, automobile body plates and black steel sheets. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products changed from 66.7 to 65.6, on account of price reductions for antimony, copper, silver and tin. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products declined from 86.0 to 84.7, owing principally to decreases in prices of asbestos. Chemicals and Allied Products were 87.0 as against 87.8 being influenced by easier quotations for copper sulphate and red lead.

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHEQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010367354