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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
MARCH, 1932 (PRELIMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, declined from 69.2 in February to 69.1 in March. 70 quotations were higher, 93 were lower, while 339 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products advanced from 56.4 to 56.7, better prices for barley, flax, oats, peas, rye, bran and shorts, influencing the index more than reduced quotations for flour, rubber, sugar, molasses, potatoes and hay. Animals and Their Products rose from 62.4 to 64.0 checking the downward trend which has continued since July, 1931. This advance reflected better prices for canned salmon, steers, butter, cheese, and lard, which more than counterbalanced losses for leather, calves, lambs, eggs and cured and fresh meats. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products changed fractionally from 71.6 to 71.5, chiefly on account of price reductions for raw cotton, raw silk, and eastern wool. Wood, Wood Products and Paper fell from 74.8 to 74.4, owing mainly to reduced quotations for spruce and fir lumber, and for chemical and mechanical wood pulp. Iron and Its Products moved down from 87.0 to 86.3 influenced by changes within the rolling mill products group. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products dropped from 63.1 to 60.3, because of reductions in the prices of aluminium, antimony, copper, tin, lead, silver and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products moved down from 87.2 to 86.2 on account of easier prices for imported and domestic coal, which more than offset higher prices for cement. Chemicals and Allied Products were 83.3 in March as compared with 84.2 a month earlier, lower prices obtaining for copper sulphate, dyeing materials, zinc oxide and red lead.



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