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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
APRIL, 1932 (PRELIMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 moved down from 69.1 in March to 68.4 in April. 63 quotations were higher, 122 were lower, while 317 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products advanced from 56.7 to 57.1, better quotations for barley, oats, peas, bran, shorts, onions and carrots, influencing the index more than declines for rye, wheat, flour, oatmeal, rolled oats and potatoes. Animals and Their Products fell from 63.5 to 60.2 lower prices for furs, hides, leather, steers, hogs, calves, and eggs more than outweighing gains for lambs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products dropped from 71.5 to 71.1, influenced more by declines for raw cotton, denims, raw silk, and raw wool, than by gains for worsted cloth yarns. Wood, Wood Products and Paper fell from 74.4 to 74.0, reductions in the prices of drop siding, fir dimension, and groundwood and unbleached sulphite pulp having more effect upon the index than better prices for matches and fir timber. Iron and Its Products rose from 86.3 to 86.5, higher quotations for steel tank plates, hot rolled and annealed steel sheets, scrap. Iron and steel more than counterbalancing losses for automobile body plates, and galvanized steel sheets. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products changed from 60.3 to 58.5, owing chiefly to reduced quotations for electrolytic copper, lead, silver, tin, zinc, and solder. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products were 86.0 as compared with 86.2 in the previous month, losses for imported anthracite and domestic coal more than offsetting advances for soft mud process brick, coal tar and cement. Chemicals and Allied Products remained unchanged at 83.3, easier quotations for alum, borax and logwood extract counterbalancing gains for white lead.

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