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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, JULY, 1932. (PREJ.IMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, remained unchanged, at 66.6. 65 quotations were higher, 83 were lower, while 354 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products advanced from 54.3 to 55.2, gains for bran, shorts, coffee and potatoes influencing the index more than losses for barley, corn, flax, rye, flour, oatmeal, and rolled oats. Animals and Their Products rose from 57.6 to 57.9, higher quotations for hides, cured meats, butter, eggs, calves, and hogs being sufficient to outweigh declines for fish, furs, leather, steers, and lambs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products moved down from 69.3 to 69.0, price reductions for raw silk, cotton yarn, grey and bleached cotton, exerting a greater influence on the index than higher quotations for raw jute, cotton and wool. Wood, Wood Products and Paper dropped from 72.1 to 71.2, due chiefly to reduced prices for pine and fir lumber and for chemical and mechanical pulp. Iron and Its Products were 86.4, as compared with 86.6 in June, price recessions occurring for steel sheets, steel tank plates, and automobile body plates. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products changed from 56.6 to 56.1, easier quotations for lead, silver and zinc more than offsetting gains for copper and tin. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products fell from 86.0 to 85.7 owing principally to lower prices for hollow building blocks, and stanstead granite. Chemicals and Allied Products were slightly higher at 82.7, as compared with 82.6 in June, because of a price advance for quinine.



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