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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, JANUARY, 1933. (PRELIMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, fell from 64.0 in December 1932, to 63.8 in January 1933. 57 quotations were higher, 97 were lower, while 348 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products rose from 50.2 to 50.9, advances for flax, oats, rye, wheat and flour, influencing the index more than losses for corn, oatmeal, rolled oats, bran, shorts, and coffee. Animals and Their Products moved down from 57.2 to 56.5, declines for hogs, fresh and cured meats, lard and eggs, overbalancing gains for hides, steers, lambs, and calves. Fibres, Textiles, and Textile Products dropped from 68.6 to 68.0. Lower prices obtained for cottonades, denims, raw jute, hessian, and raw silk, while raw cotton and raw wool moved upward. Wood, Wood Products, and Paper fell from 64.0 to 63.6, chiefly because of reduced quotations for birch and hemlock lumber, and for chemical and mechanical wood pulp. Iron and Its Products moved down from 86.2 to 85.4, due in large part to reductions in the prices of hot rolled and annealed steel sheets, cast iron pipe and scrap iron and steel. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products fell from 57.5 to 56.9, influenced mainly by easier prices for electrolytic copper, lead, tin, and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products changed from 86.1 to 86.0, reduced quotations for hollow building blocks, sulphur, and quicklime outweighing gains for window glass, building stone, and plaster. Chemicals and Allied Products were 82.5 in January, as against 83.6 in December, with lower prices recorded for zinc oxide, litharge, lithopone, and sodium bicarbonate.

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