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

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 advanced from 68.7 in November to 69.0 in December. 105 quotations were higher, 63 were lower, while 334 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products moved down from 60.9 to 60.5, losses for barley, oats, rye, wheat and coffee, influencing the index more than gains for apples, flax, corn, gluten meal, bran, shorts, and tea. Animals and Their Products rose from 62.0 to 63.3, higher prices for steers, hogs, lambs, butter, and fresh and cured meats, outweighing reductions in the prices of calves, eggs, leather and hides. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products moved up from 70.9 to 71.7, due mainly to higher quotations for raw cotton, raw wool, worsted cloth yarns, and woollen cloth. Wood, Wood Products and Paper changed from 64.4 to 64.6, gains for spruce lath, fir timber, and wood pulp more than counterbalancing losses for cedar shingles. Iron and Its Products advanced from 86.1 to 86.7, because of higher quotations for scrap iron and steel. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products changed from 66.2 to 66.5, gains for silver, copper, lead and zinc more than counterbalancing losses for imported copper wire bars, and tin. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products rose from 85.2 to 85.9, owing principally to advances for imported bituminous coal and sulphur. Chemicals and Allied Products were 80.8 in December, as compared with 81.0 in November. White lead, copper sulphate and lamp alum declined while zinc oxide, lithopone and shellac advanced.

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