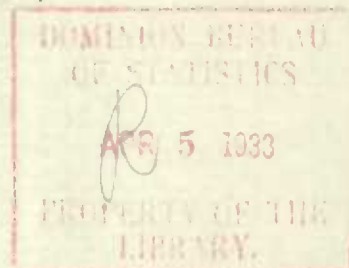


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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, MARCH, 1933, (PRELIMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926-100, rose from 63.6 in February to 64.4 in March. This was the first increase since September, 1932, and marked the most substantial advance since August 1929. 91 quotations were higher, 57 were lower, while 354 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products moved up from 50.8 to 52.1, gains for barley, corn, flax, rye, peas, wheat, flour, bran and shorts, outweighing losses for canned fruits, onions, turnips, carrots, and potatoes. Animals and Their Products rose from 55.8 to 58.2, higher prices for steers, hogs, lambs, hides, butter, fresh and cured meats, more than offsetting declines for calves, and eggs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products were unchanged at 67.9, gains for raw cotton and silk balancing losses for hessian, women's pure silk hosiery, and worsted cloth yarns. Wood, Wood Products and Paper at 63.2, were the same as in February, reduced quotations for cedar boards and groundwood pulp, just offsetting gains for spruce deals. Iron and Its Products fell from 85.2 to 85.0, price reductions for galvanized wire and hot rolled and annealed steel sheets, influencing the index more than higher quotations for automobile body plates. Non-Ferrous Metals advanced from 58.3 to 59.8, due chiefly to better prices for antimony, copper, lead, silver, tin and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products changed from 85.0 to 84.3 chiefly on account of reductions in the prices of gasoline and cement. Chemicals and Allied Products rose fractionally from 82.4 to 82.6 because of better prices for hemlock and logwood extract.

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