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

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, advanced from 65.4 in April to 66.9 in May. 149 quotations were higher, 64 were lower, while 289 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products rose from 56.8 to 61.0, gains for wheat, oats, flax, corn, barley, flour, and rolled oats, outweighing losses for bran, shorts, gluten meal, onions and hay. Animals and Their Products declined from 59.6 to 58.5, lower prices for cured meats, butter, lard, eggs, and calves influencing the index more than higher quotations for steers, hogs, lambs, hides, leather, and fresh meats. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products moved up from 67.3 to 69.3, due principally to better prices for raw cotton, wool, silk, worsted cloth yarn, raw jute and hessian. Wood, Wood Products and Paper advanced from 59.6 to 59.8, higher quotations for fir lumber and flooring, and cedar shingles overbalancing declines for spruce lath, and unbleached sulphite and ground wood pulp. Iron and Its Products fell from 85.0 to 84.5, due principally to reductions in the prices of open hearth steel rails, steel tank plates, and automobile body plates. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products rose from 60.5 to 64.7 influenced chiefly by gains for antimony, copper, tin, lead, silver and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products remained unchanged at 84.0, slight gains for asbestos, counterbalancing losses for coal and coke. Chemicals and Allied Products changed from 82.4 to 81.5. Zinc oxide, lithopone, and carbon black, moved downward, while shellac and quinine advanced,



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