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

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, continued to advance, rising from 66.9 in May to 67.6 in June, 121 quotations were higher, 64 were lower, while 317 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products moved up from 61.0 to 61.7, higher prices for barley, flax, oats, rye, wheat and potatoes, influencing the index more than declines for corn, flour, bran, shorts, and coffee. Animals and Their Products were 58.6 in June, as compared with 58.7 a month earlier, decreases for calves, hogs, lambs, fresh meats, fresh milk and butter, more than offsetting gains for steers, hides, cured meats and eggs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products rose from 69.3 to 70.0, due principally to better quotations for raw cotton, silk, wool, worsted cloth yarns, and woollen cloth. Wood, Wood Products and Paper moved up from 59.8 to 62.0, mainly on account of price increases for spruce, fir, and cedar lumber. Iron and Its Products dropped from 84.5 to 84.2, because of reductions in the prices of foundry pig iron, steel tank plates, and steel sheets. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products advanced from 64.7 to 68.0 owing chiefly to gains for electrolytic copper, imported copper wire bars, lead, silver, tin and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products fell from 84.0 to 83.5, lower prices for imported coal outweighing gains for sand and gravel. Chemicals and Allied Products moved down from 81.5 to 81.2, influenced largely by reduced prices for zinc oxide, lithopone and citric acid.



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