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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, FEBRUARY, 1934. (PRELIMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926-100, advanced from 70.6 in January to 72.1 in February. 179 quotations were higher, 56 were lower while 332 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products rose from 64.0 to 65.6 owing principally to gains in the prices of wheat, oats, rye, flax, bran, shorts, and tea. Animals and Their Products moved up from 65.1 to 70.7 gains for steers, calves, hogs, lambs, butter, eggs, and fresh and cured meats, outweighing losses for furs and leather. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products changed from 72.5 to 73.8, due largely to higher quotations for raw cotton, cotton knit goods, raw silk, and worsted cloth yarns. Wood, Wood Products and Paper, advanced from 65.3 to 65.6, chiefly on account of higher prices for pine, spruce, fir, and cedar lumber. Iron and Its Products rose from 86.6 to 87.0 because of higher prices for steel tank plates and galvanized barbed wire. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products declined from 67.0 to 66.8 losses for tin, aluminum and zinc more than offsetting gains for copper and silver. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products fell from 86.1 to 86.0 owing to lower prices for domestic coal. Chemicals and Allied Products remained unchanged at 80.6. Zinc oxide, lithopone and copper sulphate advanced while sodium sulphate declined.



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