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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, APRIL, 1934, (PRELIMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base, 1926 = 100, moved down from 72.0 in March to 71.2 in April. 65 quotations were higher, 135 were lower while 367 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products fell from 65.7 to 64.7 owing to price reductions for wheat, oats, barley, flax, flour, bran, and shorts. Animals and Their Products dropped from 69.9 to 67.0 due largely to lower quotations for calves, hogs, fresh and cured meats, butter and eggs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products moved down from 74.2 to 73.8 mainly on account of reductions in the prices of raw cotton, silk, wool and silk fabrics. Wood, Wood Products and Paper changed from 65.7 to 65.6, declines for cedar lumber and groundwood pulp outweighing advances for wrapping paper and pine and spruce lumber. Iron and Its Products at 87.2 were the same as in the previous month. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products declined from 66.1 to 65.7, easier prices for lead, zinc, silver and aluminium influencing the index more than advances for copper, and tin. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products were 85.6 in April as compared with 86.1 in March, mainly because of lower prices for domestic coal. Chemicals and Allied Products rose from 80.8 to 81.8, gains for copper sulphate, zinc oxide and prepared paints more than offsetting losses for auromino, shellac and formaldehyde.

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