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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1934. (1926-100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926-100 remained unchanged at 71.4 for the week ending December 14. Price changes were relatively few and usually of minor proportions. Slight gains were noted for livestock, fresh meats and milled cereal products, while losses were reported for grains, cured meats and new colored cheese.

No change occurred in the index for Vegetable Products which remained at 67.1. Grains and hay sold slightly lower but better prices were received for milled products. Animal Products was the only one of the eight groups to show a gain and this index rose from 66.2 to 66.3. Livestock and fresh meats advanced while cured meats were a little lower. Eggs declined from one to two cents a dozen on the Toronto market and new cheese dropped half a cent. An outstanding feature in the Textile group was the continued steady rise in raw silk prices which began in the latter part of September. This was due, in part, to exchange conditions as the Japanese yen has been showing strength since mid-November. The Textile index for this week remained unchanged at 72.6 with slight gains in raw silk and raw cotton offsetting a loss in raw wool. Lower quotations for spruce scantling were chiefly responsible for the index of Wood Products falling from 64.9 to 64.7. In Non-Ferrous Metals, coppers were firmer but losses in lead and zinc proved of equal weight and the index remained at 63.6. Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were inactive and the indexes for these groups were unchanged at 86.7, 86.0 and 80.6 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products remained at 61.8. Losses in grains and hay lowered the index for Field Products from 56.5 to 56.3 while gains in livestock were of more importance than reductions in eggs and wool and the index for Animal Products rose from 70.6 to 71.0.

| | :No. of :Price :Series | :Jan.5 | | | Nov.30: | | : :Dec. 14 |
|--|------------------------|--------------|------|------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 69.9 | 72,2 | 71.2 | 71.2 | 71.4 | 71.4 |
| I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.) II. Animals and Their Products | | 62.8 64.9 | | | 66.7 66.2 | 67.1 66.2 | 67 .1 66 . 3 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 71.8 | 74.0 | 72.4 | 72.5 | x72.6 | 72.6 |
| V. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | | 64.7 86.1 | | | 64.9 86.7 | 64.9 86.7 | 64.7 86.7 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 66.9 | 66.7 | 63.3 | 63.4 | 63.6 | 63.6 |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products VIII. Chemicals and Allied | 83 | 86.1 | 86.1 | 86.0 | 86.0 | 86.0 | 86.0 |
| Products | . 77 | 81.1 | 80.6 | 80.6 | 80.6 | 80.6 | 80.6 |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS | . 70 | 53.6 | 58.2 | 61.2 | 61.3 | x61.8 | 61.8 |

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