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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1934-1935
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 decreased from 72.7 for the week ending December 6 to 72.6 for the week ending December 13. Two happenings of an outstanding nature occurred in the period under review, viz., the suspension of trading on the London silver market in the forepart of the week due to the withdrawal of powerful support, and the announcement by the Argentine Government on the 13th of a sharp advance from last year's price of the minimum guaranteed to the Argentine farmer for his wheat.

The Vegetable Products group was unchanged at 66.9. Wheat steadily lost ground for the greater part of the week and a rise of 3 cents per bushel on Friday, due to Argentine developments, was not sufficient to raise the daily average above that of the previous week. Animal Products dipped from 73.1 to 73.0 when weakness in fresh and cured meats, milk products and fats outweighed increases in hides, livestock and eggs, and easiness in raw cotton and raw wool lowered the index for Textiles from 69.6 to 69.5. Declines were general in Non-Ferrous Metals. The spectacular break in silver was the outstanding event in this section, and on the Montreal market, a net drop of 7.80 cents occurred in one day for December, the spot month. Copper, lead, tin and zinc also sold lower and the index for this group moved from 73.4 to 72.6. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 65.2, 87.2, 85.1 and 77.5 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 64.9 to 65.2. Field Products were constant at 57.9 but Animal Products mounted from 76.7 to 77.4 largely because of strength in livestock and hides.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1934 :					1935	
		: Dec. : : 14	: Nov. : : 22	: Nov. : : 29	: Dec. : : 6	: Dec. : : 13		
Total Index 567								
Commodities	567	71.4	72.9	72.9	72.7	72.6		
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS								
I. Vegetable Products	135	67.1	67.7	67.7	x66.9	66.9		
(grains, fruits, etc.)								
II. Animals and Their Products	76	66.3	73.2	73.0	73.1	73.0		
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	72.6	69.7	69.6	69.6	69.5		
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	64.7	65.2	65.2	65.2	65.2		
V. Iron and Its Products	44	86.7	87.1	87.2	87.2	87.2		
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	63.6	72.7	73.6	73.4	72.6		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.0	85.0	85.0	x85.1	85.1		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	80.6	77.3	77.5	77.5	77.5		
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.8	65.3	65.0	64.9	65.2		

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