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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 fell from 71.9 for the week ending May 31 to 71.8 for the week ending June 7. With few exceptions, price changes were downward and indications of uncertainty were in evidence on many of the commodity markets. Buyers appeared to have assumed a waiting attitude pending more definite developments in the business situation.

Vegetable Products declined from 66.8 to 66.6. Grains with the exception of barley and rye were lower, and raw sugar, coffee and vegetable oils lacked stability. Shipments of livestock to the United States were in good volume, and the number of cattle exported so far this year exceeded by approximately eight thousand the total number exported in 1934. Prices, however, were lower for both livestock and meats. Reductions in fish, hides and milk products helped to decrease the Animal index from 69.7 to 69.4. Seasonal decline in business activity has tended to affect the statistical position of industrial commodities adversely with a resultant depressing effect upon price movements. This was apparent in the weakness of Non-Ferrous Metals which were generally lower. The index for this group dropped from 71.3 to 69.9. Price changes in Textiles, Wood Products, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were not of sufficient importance to alter these indexes which remained at 70.3, 63.9, 87.4, 85.4 and 79.9 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products moved down from 62.9 to 62.5. Weakness in grains, hay and potatoes reduced the index for Field Products from 56.0 to 55.8. Recessions in livestock and hides and skins were of more importance than increases in eggs and wool and the index for Animal Products declined from 74.4 to 73.7.

	No. of Price Series	1934		1935						
		June	May	May	May	May	May	June		
		8	3	10	17	24	31	7		
Total Index	567	71.7	72.6	72.4	72.5	72.4	71.9	71.8		
Commodities	567	71.7	72.6	72.4	72.5	72.4	71.9	71.8		
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS										
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.)	135	66.5	69.0	68.5	68.3	67.9	66.8	66.6		
II. Animals and Their Products	76	66.5	70.2	69.9	70.1	70.0	x69.7	69.4		
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	74.5	70.5	70.5	70.6	70.6	70.3	70.3		
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper..	49	66.1	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9		
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.5	87.4	87.4	87.4	87.4	87.4	87.4		
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	64.3	69.6	69.7	71.3	71.9	71.3	69.9		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.5	85.6	85.6	85.5	85.3	x85.4	85.4		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.	77	82.1	80.2	80.2	80.1	80.1	79.9	79.9		
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	59.1	64.8	64.6	64.5	64.1	x62.9	62.5		

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