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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 declined from 72.8 for the week ending December 20 to 72.6 for the week ending December 27. Holidays made a broken week and trading was usually light and spotty. Silver, after falling precipitously for over a fortnight, experienced relative stability and the price at New York, which of late has been set independently of London, remained unchanged for the last two days of the week.

Vegetable Products eased from 67.6 to 67.5. Coarse grains, vegetable oils, sugar and miscellaneous products were higher but were unable to counteract the effect of reductions in wheat and milled products. Receipts on livestock markets were light and of fair quality and no difficulty was found in disposing of all offerings at firm prices. Fresh meats and milk products showed strength, but oils and fats, cured meats and eggs sold lower causing the index for Animal Products to drop from 73.1 to 72.9. A slight increase in raw cotton was ineffective in raising the index for Textiles above last week's level of 69.6, but recessions in lead, silver, tin and zinc were of more importance than an increase in copper and lowered the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 70.8 to 69.4. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 65.5, 87.2, 85.4 and 77.5 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 65.6 to 65.8. Buoyancy in wheat was largely responsible for the index of Field Products advancing from 58.3 to 58.5 while higher prices for livestock moved the index for Animal Products from 77.7 to 78.1.

	No. of Price Series	1934		1935		
		Dec. 28	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
Total Index 567						
Commodities	567	71.3	72.7	72.7	x72.8	72.6
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.7	66.9	66.9	67.6	67.5
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	66.3	73.1	73.0	73.1	72.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	72.7	69.6	69.5	69.6	69.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	64.5	65.2	65.9	x65.5	65.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	86.8	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	63.9	73.4	72.6	70.8	69.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.1	85.1	85.1	x85.4	85.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.6	77.5	77.5	77.5	77.5
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.6	64.9	65.2	65.6	65.8

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