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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1935-1936.
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, rose from 77.9 for the week ending December 11 to 79.5 for the week ending December 18. All groups moved upward and Iron actually made a greater advance in the past week than in the preceding three years. Eggs, spruce and tin were the only commodities to show reductions of any importance while sharp increases were reported for grains, raw rubber, cocoa products, hides and leather, rolling-mill products and certain of the non-ferrous metals.

Vegetable Products climbed from 80.5 to 83.9. Grains continued to exert the greatest influence upon the behavior of this group. As prospective import requirements were revised upward, prices mounted rapidly until Manitoba No.1 Northern wheat finished 13 1/8 cents above the close of the preceding week. The index for grains rose 6.1 points to 87.5 which compared with 57.9 for a year ago. The index for cocoa products jumped 16.0 points to 103.3 and substantial increases were reported for milled products (5.1), raw rubber (4.6), and canned vegetables (5.1). Animal Products mounted from 73.6 to 74.1. Eggs completed the fourth successive week of decline and cured meats were a shade easier, but gains were reported for hides, leather, livestock, fresh meats, fats and milk products. Increases in raw cotton, raw wool and cloth moved the index for Textiles from 70.1 to 70.6, while Wood mounted from 69.5 to 69.7 largely because of higher quotations for British Columbia lumber and timber. A rise from 88.4 to 90.5 in Iron and Its Products reflected strength in pig iron, rolling-mill products and scrap. Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 76.3 to 78.2 when a slight decrease in tin was smothered by advances in copper, lead and zinc. Coko was responsible for lifting the index for Non-Metallic Minerals from 85.0 to 85.8, while Chemicals mounted from 78.8 to 79.0 as paint materials moved up.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 79.4 to 83.0. Grains and potatoes moved the index for Field Products from 79.0 to 84.4. Animal Products advanced from 80.1 to 80.6 when strength in livestock, hides, milk and wool proved of more importance than a decrease in eggs.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1935 :		: 1936 :		
		Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
		20	27	4	11	18
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.8	77.2	77.4	x77.9	79.5
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	67.6	78.4	79.4	x80.5	83.9
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.1	73.8	73.5	x73.6	74.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.6	69.8	69.9	70.1	70.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	65.5	69.4	69.5	69.5	69.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.2	88.3	88.4	88.4	90.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.8	75.5	75.4	76.3	78.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.4	84.9	85.0	85.0	85.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.5	78.8	78.8	78.8	79.0
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.6	77.4	78.3	79.4	83.0

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INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-THREE MINING STOCKS
(1926=100)

Number of Stocks 1936	Gold 20	Base Metals 3	Total Index 23
x1928 - High	137.2	322.2	138.6
Low	75.4	105.7	107.3
x1929 - High	89.7	318.0	127.9
Low	52.7	157.3	72.6
x1930 - High	66.7	203.1	88.3
Low	53.3	56.4	56.7
x1931 - High	79.5	108.3	85.4
Low	54.4	49.9	54.8
x1932 - High	63.1	82.3	64.8
Low	48.5	42.5	46.8
x1933 - High	111.9	144.1	116.7
Low	64.9	68.2	65.1
x1934 - High	140.1	167.6	143.3
Low	103.1	125.0	107.3
x1935 - High	131.2	211.7	136.7
Low	104.7	128.6	114.9
<u>1935</u>			
June	116.3	153.2	123.0
July	110.1	151.9	117.9
August	106.2	155.4	115.6
September	109.5	159.6	119.1
October	106.3	169.7	118.6
November	111.8	181.9	125.5
<u>1936</u>			
January	124.8	214.8	142.4
February	130.2	230.4	149.8
March	122.7	232.2	144.2
April	122.8	241.1	145.8
May	128.9	239.2	150.3
June	134.4	246.0	156.1
July	134.4	254.1	157.6
August	132.6	264.0	158.1
September	131.2	267.1	157.6
October	126.4	289.4	158.2
November	131.8	312.5	167.0
<u>Weekly Index Numbers</u>			
<u>1935</u>			
Week ending December 12th	118.2	211.7	136.7
<u>1936</u>			
Week ending November 12th	131.9	314.9	167.6
" " " 19th	133.9	315.1	169.2
" " " 26th	133.0	314.4	168.3
" " December 3rd	133.0	313.6	168.2
" " " 10th	129.9	306.9	164.4

x Weekly figures.

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