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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 79.7 for the week ending December 18 to 80.1 for the week ending December 25. This was the highest point to be reached by this index since October 1930. Advances were shown by Vegetable Products, Animals, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals, while gains balanced recessions in Textiles to leave the index as before. Two happenings of the week worthy of special comment were the quick recovery of wheat prices after early weakness, and the passing of the 12¢ mark by domestic electrolytic copper.

Vegetable Products increased from 84.4 to 85.3. Fresh fruits, grains, milled products and potatoes were among the more important commodities to show advances. Wheat prices sagged in the first part of the week but later advanced sharply, subsequent to the release by Broomhall of an upward revised estimate of importers' requirements. Animal Products mounted from 73.8 to 74.0. Hides, fresh meats and fats were firmer while eggs staged a mild reaction after four weeks of decline. Buoyancy in raw cotton was offset by declines in raw silk and worsted cloth yarns to leave the Textile index unchanged at 71.0, while an increase in rolling-mill products moved the index for Iron from 91.4 to 91.5. Tin continued very quiet but higher quotations were reported for antimony, copper, lead and zinc and Non-Ferrous Metals moved from 78.2 to 79.9. No changes were shown by Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals which remained at 69.6, 85.8 and 79.0 respectively.

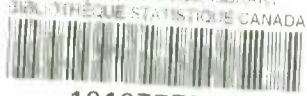
Canadian Farm Products advanced from 83.1 to 84.3. Grains, potatoes and hay were largely responsible for increasing the index for Field Products from 84.6 to 86.4 while Animal Products rose from 80.6 to 80.8 because of higher prices for hides and eggs.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1935 :		: 1936		
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		: 27	: 4	: 11	: 18	: 23
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	72.6	77.4	77.9	x79.7	80.1
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	67.5	79.4	80.5	x84.4	85.3
(grains, fruits, etc.) ...						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	72.9	73.5	73.6	x73.8	74.0
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	69.6	69.9	70.1	x71.0	71.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper .....	49	65.5	69.5	69.5	x69.6	69.6
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.2	88.4	88.4	x91.4	91.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	69.4	75.4	76.3	78.2	79.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.4	85.0	85.0	85.8	85.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	77.5	78.8	78.8	79.0	79.0
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	65.8	78.3	79.4	x83.1	84.3

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