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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 decreased from 72.9 for the week ending January 24 to 72.7 for the week ending January 31. Food stuffs and textiles were cheaper while non-ferrous metals regained much of the loss of the preceding.

Vegetable Products fell from 68.0 to 67.7. The grain index eased a little, and milled products, vegetable oils and raw sugar moved down also, while increases were noted for rubber, potatoes and canned vegetables. Heavier runs of medium to poor quality cattle had a depressing influence upon livestock markets and prices sagged slightly. The livestock index now stands at 71.4 and compares with 72.4 for the corresponding week of last year. Hides, fresh and cured meats, milk products and eggs were moderately lower and the Animal index declined from 72.5 to 71.6. A drop from 69.8 to 69.6 in Textile Products reflected reductions in raw cotton, raw wool and raw silk while Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 68.1 to 68.3 when increases in lead, tin and zinc proved of more importance than losses in antimony and silver. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 67.1, 87.2, 85.3 and 77.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products decreased from 65.8 to 65.3. The Field Products group was stationary at 59.3 while Animal Products declined from 76.7 to 75.4 owing to lower quotations in livestock, hides, wool and eggs.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1935 : 1936				
		: Feb. : 1	: Jan. : 10	: Jan. : 17	: Jan. : 24	: Jan. : 31
Total Index 567						
Commodities	567	71.8	73.0	72.9	x72.9	72.7
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.9	68.2	67.8	x68.0	67.7
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products ...	76	69.1	73.3	73.0	x72.5	71.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	72.5	69.7	69.7	69.8	69.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	64.6	66.5	66.9	x67.1	67.1
V. Iron and Its Products	44	86.9	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	63.8	68.6	68.4	68.1	68.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.4	85.4	85.3	85.3	85.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.	77	80.7	77.5	77.3	77.3	77.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.3	66.5	66.2	65.8	65.3

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