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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 remained unchanged at 72.5 for the week ending March 6. In fact, this index has moved within a range of 0.2 for the past month and is now only 0.1 higher than a year ago. Despite marked stability in the general index, several component groups have shown appreciable changes. Noteworthy advances have occurred for Animal Products, Non-Ferrous Metals and Wood, while Textiles and Chemicals have declined moderately. Little net change has been shown for Iron Products and Non-Metallic Minerals.

Vegetable Products shaded from 66.6 to 66.5. Potatoes and vegetable oils were firm but grains, sugar and miscellaneous vegetables were easier. Animal Products rose from 71.7 to 71.9. Fresh meats sold higher and eggs were up sharply, in some localities as much as nine cents per dozen. Livestock, on the other hand, declined as did hides, cured meats, milk products and fats. A slight increase in raw silk failed to move the Textile index from 69.3, but strength in copper increased the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 69.1 to 69.2. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 67.8, 87.3, 85.9 and 77.2 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 65.7 to 66.1. Field Products declined from 59.2 to 59.1, largely because of weakness in grains, while Animal Products advanced from 76.7 to 77.8 when a rise in eggs proved of more importance than reductions in livestock and hides.

	No. of	1935		1936		
	Price	Mar. 8	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Mar. 6
	Series	:	:	:	:	:
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.4	72.4	72.6	72.5	72.5
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	67.6	66.6	66.3	66.6	66.5
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	70.8	72.1	72.5	71.7	71.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	72.5	69.5	69.4	69.3	69.3
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	64.8	67.4	67.8	67.8	67.8
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.2	87.2	87.3	87.3	87.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	64.7	68.3	69.0	69.1	69.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.4	85.3	85.9	85.9	85.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ..	77	80.5	77.2	77.2	77.2	77.2
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.2	66.3	66.4	65.7	66.1

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