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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 fell from 72.6 for the week ending March 6 to 72.5 for the week ending March 13. Price changes were confined almost entirely to three classes, viz., Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals.

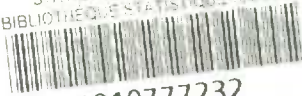
Vegetable Products rose from 66.5 to 66.8. Sales of wheat for export were in good volume and Manitoba No. 1 Northern closed the week with a gain of $2\frac{3}{4}\phi$ per bushel over the closing price of last week, or $3\frac{1}{4}\phi$ per bushel above the corresponding date of last year. Flour and milled products were strong as were raw rubber, raw sugar and cocoa products, but potatoes and vegetable oils moved lower. Animal Products dropped from 71.9 to 70.9 when reduction in fresh meats, milk products, fats and eggs proved of more weight than gains in hides, livestock and cured meats. A sharp reduction in receipts at the leading stock yards was an important aid in recovering the loss of the previous week in livestock prices, and sales for export to both Great Britain and the United States were well maintained. The importation of eggs, although never in large volume, was a feature of the past two weeks. This movement has ceased almost completely and the price of Grade A large eggs at Montreal dropped 7¢ a dozen, indicating the adequacy of current domestic production. Higher prices for antimony and tin advanced the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 69.2 to 69.3 but Textiles, Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 69.5, 67.8, 87.3, 85.9 and 77.2 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products decreased from 66.1 to 65.9. Field Products continued at 59.1, when gains in grains and onions were offset by a reduction in potatoes. Animal Products receded from 77.8 to 77.2 when reductions in eggs proved of more importance than increases in livestock, hides and wool.

	: No. of	: 1935	: 1936			
	: Price	: Mar.	: Feb.	: Feb.	: Mar.	: Mar.
	: Series	: 15	: 21	: 28	: 6	: 13
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.1	72.6	72.5	*72.6	72.5
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	67.4	66.3	66.6	66.5	66.8
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	70.0	72.5	71.7	71.9	70.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.9	69.4	69.3	*69.5	69.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	64.7	67.8	67.8	67.8	67.8
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.6	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	64.8	69.0	69.1	69.2	69.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.4	85.9	85.9	85.9	85.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.4	77.2	77.2	77.2	77.2
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	62.7	66.4	65.7	66.1	65.9

* Revised.

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