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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 declined from 72.6 for the week ending February 21 to 72.5 for the week ending February 28. As is customary in the Lenten season, decreased consumption of meats brought lower prices and the index for Animal Products moved down. Textiles receded also, while Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals advanced.

The index for Vegetable Products rose from 66.3 to 66.6. Grains, flour and milled products moved up, while raw sugar and vegetables were slightly lower. Wheat prices advanced in the first part of the week but later, subsequent to heavy shipments from Australia, Liverpool developed weakness which was reflected in Winnipeg and earlier advances were reduced in part. The changes reported for Animal Products were largely downward and the index for this group dropped from 72.5 to 71.7. Reductions were noted in hides, livestock, fresh and cured meats, butter and fats, while eggs lost the gains of the previous week. Heavy shipments of livestock were received at the leading stockyards and this, in conjunction with the usual slackening in demand during Lent, depressed the livestock index from 77.2 to 71.3. Textiles fell from 69.4 to 69.3. Raw cotton and raw wool eased slightly while raw silk dipped sharply on a nervous market. Repercussions from the recent political disturbances in Japan with the resultant closing of the Japanese Exchanges and fluctuations of the yen aggravated a condition already highly sensitive and the raw silk index fell from 29.7 to 27.4. Non-Ferrous Metals mounted from 69.0 to 69.1 when advances in copper, tin and zinc proved of more consequence than a decrease in Antimony. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 67.8, 87.3, 85.9 and 77.2 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 66.4 to 65.7. Field Products rose from 59.1 to 59.2 largely because of higher prices for grains, while weakness in livestock, hides, wool and eggs reduced the index for Animal Products from 78.7 to 76.7.

	No. of Price Series	1935 Mar. 1	1936 Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.3	72.5	72.4	72.5	72.5
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	67.5	67.1	66.6	*66.3	66.6
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	70.9	71.5	72.1	72.5	71.7
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	72.5	69.5	69.5	69.4	69.3
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	64.8	67.4	67.4	67.8	67.8
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.3	87.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	64.2	68.0	68.3	69.0	69.1
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.4	85.3	85.3	85.9	85.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.5	77.3	77.2	77.2	77.2
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.2	65.1	66.3	66.4	65.7

* Revised.

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