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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 72.4 for the week ending March 20 to 72.2 for the week ending March 27. Price changes occurring were mainly in the Vegetable, Animal and Non-Ferrous Metal groups, and were of a mixed nature with recessions outweighing advances in the first two mentioned while the reverse was true in the Non-Ferrous groups. A spectacular break in egg prices and unusually heavy exports of cattle were features of the week.

Vegetable Products fell from 66.8 to 66.4. Higher prices were reported for vegetable oils, raw rubber and raw sugar while grains, milled products and vegetables were lower. Animal Products dropped from 70.4 to 69.4. Meats, milk products and fats moved up while fish and hides decreased. A seasonal break in egg prices occurred this week and the index for this sub-group, which last week stood at 71.2, was reduced still further to 51.2. This makes a total drop of 36.9 points during the month and brings the index more in line with the corresponding week of last year when it stood at 45.1. Livestock markets contributed a feature of interest also, for, although the livestock index remained unchanged, this week saw the heaviest movement of cattle and calves to the United States in some years. Changes in the Non-Ferrous Metals were spotty and the index rose from 69.3 to 69.4. Textiles, Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 69.7, 67.9, 87.3, 85.9 and 77.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 65.7 to 64.6. Grains were chiefly responsible for lowering the index of Field Products from 59.1 to 58.9, while Animal Products declined from 76.8 to 74.2 because of reductions in hides, wool and eggs.

	No. of	1935	1936			
	Price	March	March	March	March	March
	Series	29	6	13	20	27
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.1	72.6	72.5	72.4	72.2

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES
CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR
CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS

I. Vegetable Products	135	67.9	66.5	67.0	66.8	66.4
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	69.0	71.9	70.8	70.4	69.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	70.5	69.5	69.5	*69.7	69.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	64.6	67.8	67.8	67.9	67.9
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.5	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	66.1	69.2	69.3	69.3	69.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.9	85.9	85.9	85.9	85.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.3	77.2	77.2	77.3	77.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	62.7	66.1	65.9	65.7	64.6

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