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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1936-1937.  
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, advanced from 80.8 for the week ending January 1 to 80.9 for the week ending January 8. Price changes were again confined largely to Vegetables, Animals and Non-Ferrous Metals. Pressure of wheat from the Southern Hemisphere increased and the movement of grain prices at Winnipeg was more erratic although showing little net change. Shipments of livestock to the United States rose sharply upon the reopening of the quota at the first of the year and prices ruled somewhat higher.

Vegetable Products declined from 87.1 to 87.0. Buoyancy in raw sugar and potatoes was not sufficient to counteract recessions in fresh fruit and raw rubber. The general tariff of 25 cents per bushel on corn came automatically into force again on January 1 and with strength in oats helped offset a slight easiness in other grains, leaving the grain index unchanged at 92.7. Animal Products mounted from 74.7 to 75.0. Livestock, fresh meats, milk products and fats moved up while eggs and prepared meats were cheaper. Eggs showed general weakness, with the greater reductions in the higher grades, and the egg index decreased by 5.1 points in the week. Tin, zinc and lead were easier but a gain in copper succeeded in raising the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 80.9 to 81.4. Textiles, Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 71.1, 69.6, 91.5, 85.5 and 79.0 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 86.5 to 86.8. Potatoes were chiefly responsible for advancing Field Products from 89.5 to 89.8, and the potato index now stands at 76.2 as compared with 54.0 for the corresponding week of 1936 and 21.7 for 1935. Animal Products increased .3 points to 81.7 when strength in livestock proved of more importance than a decline in eggs.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	1936			1937	
		Jan.	Dec.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.
		10	18	25	1	8
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	72.9	79.7	80.2	80.8	80.9
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	68.2	84.4	85.5	x87.1	87.0
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	73.3	73.8	74.1	74.7	75.0
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	69.7	71.0	71.0	x71.1	71.1
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper .....	49	65.8	69.6	69.6	69.6	69.6
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.2	91.4	91.5	91.5	91.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	68.6	78.2	79.9	80.9	81.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.4	85.8	85.8	85.5	85.5
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	77.5	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	66.5	83.1	84.3	x86.5	86.8

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