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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, rose from 82.0 for the week ending February 5 to 82.3 for the week ending February 12. Advances were noted in Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals while Animal Products and Chemicals moved to lower levels. Canadian wheat was again in demand and trading at Winnipeg was quite active with higher prices ruling. Copper and zinc continued to rise. Meats were easier and the further reduction in eggs reflected the increase in production due to the unusually mild weather. Livestock quotations, however, remained firm when reduced Lenten demand was offset by decreased offerings.

Vegetable Products mounted from 87.8 to 89.2. The grain index rose 3.5 points and Manitoba No.1 Northern wheat finished $3\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ per bushel above the previous week's close. Milled products, raw rubber and potatoes were higher, also, while vegetable oils, cocoa products and miscellaneous vegetables declined. Animal Products fell from 75.4 to 75.1. Livestock prices were slightly higher and the index stood at 80.3 which was exactly the same as for a year ago. Other changes in this group were downward, in the main, and included hides, meats, milk products and eggs. The egg index fell 1.9 points and at 57.1 compared with 71.2 for a year ago and indicated a drop of 17.6 points since the beginning of January. Non-Ferrous Metals advanced from 83.5 to 84.4 because of strength in copper tin and zinc while Chemicals declined from 79.5 to 79.4 as lower prices were reported for coal tar products and tanning materials. Textiles, Wood Products, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 71.9, 72.7, 92.1 and 85.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 85.8 to 87.7. Grains and potatoes were largely responsible for increasing the index for Field Products from 88.2 to 91.4 while Animal Products fell from 81.9 to 81.5 when reductions in hides and eggs proved of more consequence than advances in livestock and wool.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: 1936 :		: 1937 :		
		Feb. : : 21 :	Jan. : : 22 :	Jan. : : 29 :	Feb. : : 5 :	Feb. : : 12 :
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.6	81.7	81.6	82.0	82.3
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS -						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.3	87.1	87.1	87.8	89.2
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	72.5	75.7	75.4	75.4	75.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.4	71.8	71.9	71.9	71.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	67.8	72.3	72.3	72.7	72.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.3	92.1	92.1	92.1	92.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.0	83.0	82.5	83.5	84.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.9	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.2	80.7	80.7	79.5	79.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	66.4	85.4	84.9	85.8	87.7

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