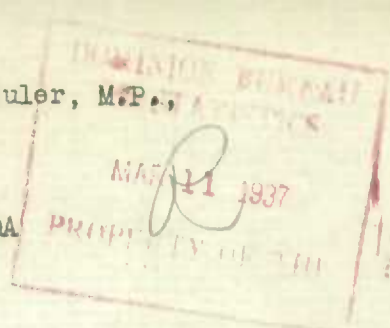


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1936-1937.
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, rose from 83.0 for the week ending February 26 to 83.3 for the week ending March 5. This was the highest point reached since August 1930. Advances occurred in Vegetable Products, Textiles, Non-Ferrous Metals and Chemicals while recessions were predominant in Animal Products. Grains moved forward to recover part of the loss of last week while tin touched a new high for the past nine years.

Vegetable Products increased from 87.4 to 88.1. Milled products and potatoes were cheaper but fresh fruits, raw rubber, raw sugar and grains advanced. Exports of Canadian wheat were quite moderate but even at the present rate of shipment very little surplus is expected to remain by the end of the crop year. In the Animal group, small gains were registered by hides, livestock, fresh meats and milk products but a reduction in fish and a fall of 3.8 points in the egg index were sufficient to move the Animal index from 74.6 to 74.5. Increases in raw cotton and raw wool raised the index for Textiles from 72.8 to 73.0, and general strength in Non-Ferrous Metals moved the index for that group from 93.1 to 94.5. Chemicals rose from 79.9 to 80.0 as a firmer position was taken by industrial gases but Wood, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 73.9, 95.4 and 85.9 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 86.2 to 87.1. Strength in grains was largely responsible for increasing the index for Field Products from 88.4 to 89.8 while Animal Products rose from 82.6 to 82.7 when a decline in eggs failed to offset increases in livestock, hides and wool.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1936 : : 1937				
		: Mar. : : 6 :	: Feb. : : 12 :	: Feb. : : 19 :	: Feb. : : 26 :	: Mar. : : 5 :
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.6	82.3	83.0	83.0	83.3
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS -						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.5	89.2	89.1	87.4	88.1
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	71.9	75.1	74.6	74.6	74.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.5	71.9	72.8	72.8	73.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	67.8	72.7	73.5	73.9	73.9
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.3	92.1	94.2	95.4	95.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.2	84.4	89.0	93.1	94.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.9	85.4	85.9	85.9	85.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.2	79.4	79.9	79.9	80.0
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	66.1	87.7	87.9	86.2	87.1

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