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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, remained at 83.0 for the week ending February 26. Vegetable Products, led by grains, moved lower but Wood, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals advanced. Unusual activity was shown by Iron with price changes covering a wide range of descriptions, while the continued rapid rise in base metals was also a feature of the week.

Vegetable Products fell from 89.1 to 87.4. Grains were quiet with sales for export negligible, and the grain index dropped 3.1 points. Fresh fruits, milled products and potatoes were easier, also, while small increases were shown by raw rubber, raw sugar and cocoa products. Animal Products was unchanged at 74.6. Reductions in livestock and cured meats were offset by strength in hides, fresh meats, milk products and eggs. The egg index rose for the first time this year and a gain of 3.1 points was registered for the week. Higher prices for furniture carried the index for Wood Products from 73.5 to 73.9, while increases in rolling-mill products, pipe, tools, hand implements and other hardware advanced the index for Iron from 94.2 to 95.4. Non-Ferrous Metals moved from 89.0 to 93.1 as antimony, copper, lead, tin and zinc continued to rise. The copper index showed a gain of 7.4 points in the week and has risen more than 60 p.c. in the past year, now resting at 105.9 as compared with 65.5 for the week ending February 28, 1936. Advances in lead and zinc have been proportionate, lead mounting from 56.9 to 92.3 and zinc from 51.6 to 80.5. No changes of importance occurred in Textiles, Non-Metallic Minerals nor Chemicals which remained at 72.8, 85.9 and 79.9 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 87.9 to 86.2. Field Products fell from 91.3 to 88.4 largely because of weakness in grains and potatoes while Animal Products rose from 82.2 to 82.6 when increases in hides, milk and eggs proved of greater weight than reductions in livestock and wool.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: 1936 :		: 1937 :		
		: Feb. : : 28 :	: Feb. : : 5 :	: Feb. : : 12 :	: Feb. : : 19 :	: Feb. : : 26 :
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	72.5	82.0	82.3	83.0	83.0
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS -						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	66.6	87.8	89.2	89.1	87.4
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	71.7	75.4	75.1	74.6	74.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	69.3	71.9	71.9	72.8	72.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper .....	49	67.8	72.7	72.7	73.5	73.9
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.3	92.1	92.1	94.2	95.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	69.1	83.5	84.4	89.0	93.1
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.9	85.4	85.4	85.9	85.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ....	77	77.2	79.5	79.4	79.9	79.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	65.7	85.8	87.7	87.9	86.2

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