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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938  
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, declined from 83.5 for the week ending January 7 to 83.4 for the week ending January 14. Price movements were mixed. Copper, lead and zinc were firm and butter reached the highest point since early in 1931, but animal products generally, moved down with livestock touching a new low for the last twelve months, and eggs at levels of last mid-summer.

Vegetable Products fell from 88.3 to 88.0. Grains at Winnipeg were quiet and prices weakened but averaged higher for the week. Raw rubber and potatoes showed a slight improvement while milled products, vegetable oils and raw sugar sold off moderately. Animal Products decreased from 77.6 to 77.3. Butter was the sole commodity of importance in this group to show strength while fish, livestock, cured meats, lard and eggs were cheaper. Textiles remained at 68.9 as slight increases in raw cotton and raw silk were offset by a reduction in raw wool. Advances in copper, lead and zinc raised the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 72.1 to 73.3 while Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 75.5, 104.1, 87.0 and 80.9 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 87.3 to 87.2. Field Products rose from 90.0 to 90.1 when increases in grains and potatoes proved of more importance than weakness in hay. Animal Products fell from 82.8 to 82.4 because of reductions in livestock, wool and eggs.

	No. of Price Series	1937			1938	
		Jan. 15	Dec. 24	Dec. 31	Jan. 7	Jan. 14
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	81.9	82.8	83.0	83.5	83.4
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	88.3	85.7	86.6	88.3	88.0
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	75.5	77.9	77.9	77.6	77.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	71.8	68.9	68.9	68.9	68.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	71.6	75.8	75.5	75.5	75.5
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	92.0	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	83.3	71.9	71.8	72.1	73.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.5	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	80.8	80.8	80.9	80.9	80.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	87.6	84.9	85.7	87.3	87.2

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