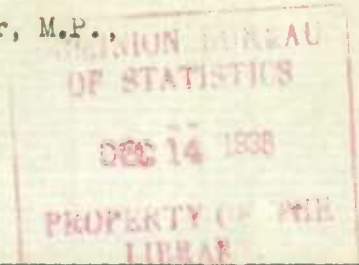


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

Continued reductions in wholesale commodity prices carried the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index from 73.4 for the week ending December 2 to 73.3 for the week ending December 9. This was the lowest point touched this year, and was 11.0 below the high of 84.3 made in the first week of January. Animal Products, Textiles, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals moved lower while Vegetable Products advanced.

The index for Vegetable Products mounted from 60.0 to 60.1 as increases in grains, raw rubber and raw sugar outweighed reductions in cocoa beans, raw coffee and potatoes. A better export demand for wheat appeared as the week progressed and trading at Winnipeg showed flashes of returning strength. Animal Products declined from 73.2 to 73.1 when continued firmness in livestock and meats failed to offset recessions in hides, lard, butter, cheese and eggs. Consumer demand for the better grades of eggs remained indifferent in eastern centres and the egg index declined 1.9 to 76.0, at which point it was 4.4 above the corresponding week of last year. Weakness in raw cotton was largely responsible for lessening the index for Textiles from 66.4 to 66.3, while Iron moved from 98.2 to 98.1 as lower quotations ruled for steel plates. Non-Ferrous Metals fell from 71.4 to 71.2 mainly because of a further dip in lead prices, but Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 76.4, 86.2 and 79.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 64.5 to 64.4. Field Products dropped from 53.8 to 53.6 chiefly because of a sharp reduction in potato prices, while Animal Products rose from 82.4 to 82.6 when an increase in livestock outpointed recessions in hides and eggs.

	No. of Series	1937 Dec. 10	1938			
			Nov. 18	Nov. 25	Dec. 2	Dec. 9
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	82.7	73.6	73.5	73.4	73.3
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT						
MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	84.8	60.4	60.1	60.0	60.1
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.5	73.4	73.3	73.2	73.1
III. Fibres, Textiles & Textile Products	85	69.1	66.5	66.4	66.4	66.3
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	75.9	76.7	76.4	76.4	76.4
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products	18	72.5	72.5	72.3	71.4	71.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.2	86.3	86.3	86.2	86.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.2	79.4	79.4	79.3	79.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	83.2	64.5	64.4	64.5	64.4



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