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

Further reductions in wholesale commodity prices lowered the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index from 73.4 for the week ending December 16 to 73.2 for the week ending December 23. Recessions predominated in Vegetable Products, Animals, Wood and Chemicals, while a minor advance was made by the Textile group.

Vegetable Products fell from 60.2 to 59.9. Raw rubber, raw sugar, raw coffee and potatoes were firm but grains, flour, vegetable oils and cocoa beans declined. Animal Products weakened, moving from 72.9 to 72.8 as decreases in hides, cheese, lard and eggs outweighed gains in livestock and meats. Raw cotton displayed firmness and was mainly responsible for advancing the Textile index from 66.3 to 66.4, while lower quotations for maritime spruce and pulp moved the index for Wood from 76.3 to 76.2. Chemicals dipped from 79.2 to 79.0, due to a reduction in inorganic chemicals, but Iron, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals were unchanged at 98.1, 71.7 and 86.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 64.5 to 64.6. Field Products remained at 53.7, as an increase in potatoes was offset by a drop in hay, but Animal Products mounted from 82.5 to 82.8 when advances in livestock and milk proved of more importance than a decline in eggs.

	:No. of : :Price : :Series :	1937 :					1938				
		1937 :		1938			1937 :		1938		
		Dec. 24	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	82.8	73.4	73.3	73.4	73.2					
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT											
MATERIALS											
I. Vegetable Products	135	85.7	60.0	60.1	60.2	59.9					
II. Animals and Their Products	76	77.9	73.2	73.1	72.9	72.8					
III. Fibres, Textiles & Textile Products	85	68.9	66.4	66.3	66.3	66.4					
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .	49	75.8	76.4	76.4	76.3	76.2					
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.1	98.2	98.1	98.1	98.1					
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products	18	71.9	71.4	71.2	71.7	71.7					
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.0	86.2	86.2	86.3	86.3					
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .	77	80.8	79.3	79.3	79.2	79.0					
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	84.9	64.5	64.4	64.5	64.6					

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1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
100	105	110	115	120	125
200	210	220	230	240	250
300	315	330	345	360	375
400	420	440	460	480	500
500	525	550	575	600	625
600	630	660	690	720	750
700	735	770	805	840	875
800	840	880	920	960	1000
900	945	990	1035	1080	1125
1000	1050	1100	1150	1200	1250