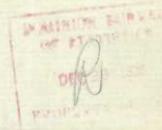
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## WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938 (1926=100)

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	: 1937 :		1938			
	:Price : :Series :	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	
Total Index 567 Commodities INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFY ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS	567 IED	82.8	73.4	73-3	73.4	73.2	
I. Vegetable Products	135 76	85.7 77.9	60.0	60.1	60.2	59·9 72·8	
Products	<b>8</b> 5 49 44	68.9 75.8 104.1	66.4 76.4 98.2	66.3 76.4 98.1	66.3 76.3 98.1	66.4 76.2 98.1	
Products	18	71.9	71.4	71.2	71.7	71.7	
Products	83 77	87.0 80.8	86.2 79.3	86.2 79.3	86.3 79.2	86.3 79.0	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	84.9	64.5	64.4	64.5	64.6	

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