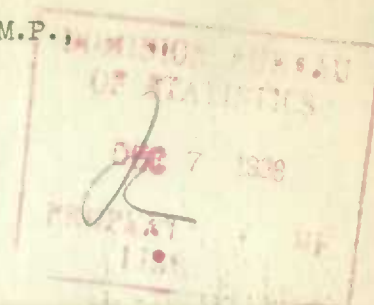


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

Wholesale commodity prices were shaded slightly again during the week ending December 2 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index declined from 73.5 for the week ending November 25 to 73.4. This compared with 82.5 for the corresponding week of last year. Recessions predominated in Vegetable Products, Animals, Non-Ferrous Metals, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals, while the remaining three groups were unchanged.

Vegetable Products fell from 60.1 to 60.0 as small increases occurred in vegetable oils, raw rubber, raw sugar, cocoa beans, raw coffee, rosin and turpentine. Animal Products declined from 73.3 to 73.2 when depreciation in hides, cured meats, lard and eggs outweighed advances in fish, livestock, fresh meats, butter and cheese. The reduction in butter prices was small but an average of finest creamery prints, was 23.1 cents for the week, or 8.1 cents below the first week of December 1937. Non-Ferrous Metals dropped from 72.3 to 71.4, with declines in this group being general while a downward revision in the price of coal oil in eastern centres decreased the index for Non-Metallic Minerals from 86.3 to 86.2. Chemicals eased from 79.4 to 79.3 when a lower level was touched by industrial gases, but Textiles, Wood and Iron continued at 66.4, 76.4 and 98.2 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 64.4 to 64.5. Field Products remained at 53.8, while Animal Products advanced from 82.1 to 82.4 as reductions in eggs and hides failed to offset an increase in livestock. Exports of livestock to United States markets were slightly below those of the previous week; the livestock price index stood at 79.0 as compared with 84.5 for a year ago.

		No. of	1937	1938			
		Price					
	Series		Dec.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Dec.
			3	11	18	25	2
Total Index 567 Commodities	567		82.5	73.5	73.6	73.5	73.4
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products	135	83.8	59.6	60.4	60.1	60.0	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.9	73.6	73.4	73.3	73.2	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.1	66.5	66.5	66.4	66.4	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	75.9	77.2	76.7	76.4	76.4	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.2	98.1	98.2	98.2	98.2	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	72.9	73.3	72.5	72.3	71.4	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.2	86.4	86.3	86.3	86.2	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.3	79.4	79.4	79.4	79.3	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	82.1	64.3	64.5	64.4	64.5	

