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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, fell from 83.0 for the week ending January 21 to 82.9 for the week ending January 28. Among the more important commodities to show recessions were livestock, eggs, pulp and copper while advances occurred in grains, meats and furniture.

Vegetable Products were unchanged at 87.1. Grains, milled products and raw rubber were higher while vegetable oils, raw sugar, potatoes and hay moved down. Rubber prices responded but faintly to Tuesday's announcement by the International Rubber Regulations Committee of a reduction in output from 70 to 60 p.c. for the second quarter in 1938. Animal Products decreased from 77.6 to 77.4. Both fresh and cured meats were firm while hides, livestock and eggs declined. Prices of hides were sharply reduced in the past year as shown by an index of 68.8 as compared with 115.0 for the corresponding week of 1937. Further depreciation in raw cotton and raw wool lowered the index for Textiles from 68.6 to 68.5, while Wood Products dropped from 75.1 to 74.8 when a decrease in pulp proved of more importance than an advance in furniture. Easier prices for copper and tin carried the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 71.6 to 71.2, while a revision in the prices of manufactured gas advanced the index of Non-Metallic Minerals from 87.1 to 87.3. Iron and Chemicals were unchanged at 103.9 and 80.8 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 85.6 to 85.5. Field Products mounted from 87.5 to 88.2 as weakness in potatoes and hay was more than offset by an increase in grains, and Animal Products fell from 82.5 to 80.9 because of reductions in livestock, hides, eggs and wool.

	: No. of	: 1937		: 1938		
		: Price	: Jan.	: Jan.	: Jan.	: Jan.
		: Series	: 29	: 7	: 14	: 21
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	81.6	83.5	83.4	83.0	82.9
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	87.1	88.3	88.0	87.1	87.1
II. Animals and Their Products	76	75.4	77.6	77.3	77.6	77.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.9	68.9	68.9	68.6	68.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	72.3	75.5	75.5	75.1	74.8
V. Iron and Its Products	44	92.1	104.1	104.1	103.9	103.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	82.5	72.1	73.3	71.6	71.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.4	87.0	87.0	87.1	87.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.7	80.9	80.9	80.8	80.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	84.9	87.3	87.2	85.6	85.5

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