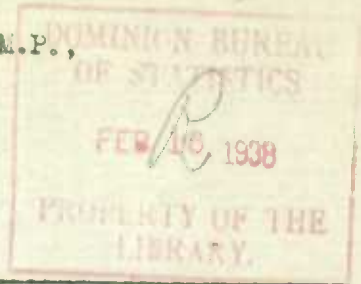


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938.
(1926=100)

The week ending February 11 was the third in succession in which the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices stood at 83.6. In the majority of instances changes were inconsiderable with advances predominating in Animal Products and Textiles, and declines more prevalent in Non-Ferrous Metals.

Vegetable Products remained at 87.2. Grains, vegetable oils, raw rubber, raw sugar and coffee were among the more important commodities to show weakness while milled products, cocoa and hay were buoyant. Stocks of raw sugar at London have increased far beyond immediate needs, and prices have dropped steadily since the second week in January. Animal Products rose from 76.8 to 77.2 as increases in fish, livestock, fresh meats, butter and eggs outweighed recessions in hides, cured meats and lard. Livestock was barely firm on a small turnover. For some time the spread between Canadian prices and those at United States centres has not been sufficient to encourage shipping for export in quantity and, more recently, attention has turned to British markets. Textiles advanced from 68.5 to 68.6, as a drop in raw wool failed to offset a gain in raw cotton. Non-Ferrous Metals declined from 70.9 to 70.2 when copper, tin, lead and zinc moved lower. The copper index at 70.9 compared with the high of 113.0 for the week of March 26, 1937. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals continued at 79.7, 103.9, 87.1 and 80.8 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 85.4 to 85.2. Field Products declined from 88.2 to 88.0 when decreases in grains and potatoes proved of greater weight than an advance in hay. Animal Products slipped from 80.6 to 80.5 when increases in livestock and eggs were insufficient to counteract weakness in hides and wool.

	: No. of	: 1937		: 1938		
		: Price	: Feb.	: Jan.	: Jan.	: Feb.
	: Series	: 12	: 21	: 28	: 4	: 11
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	82.3	83.7	83.6	83.6	83.6
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	89.2	87.1	87.1	87.2	87.2
II. Animals and Their Products	76	75.1	77.6	77.4	76.8	77.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.9	68.6	68.5	68.5	68.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	72.7	79.9	79.7	79.7	79.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	92.1	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	84.4	71.6	71.2	70.9	70.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.4	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.4	80.8	80.8	80.8	80.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	87.7	85.6	85.5	85.4	85.2

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