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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, remained at 83.6 for the week ending February 4. Vegetable Products advanced while Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals declined.

Vegetable Products rose from 87.1 to 87.2 when increases in coffee, milled products, fresh fruits and potatoes proved of more importance than reductions in grains, vegetable oils, raw rubber and raw sugar. Animal Products fell from 77.4 to 76.8. Eggs and cured meats were moderately higher while fish, furs, hides, livestock and fresh meats moved down. Livestock markets continued quiet with export requirements very light, and the index dropped 0.4 points to 73.7 which compared with 79.8 for a year ago and a peak of 106.8 in the second week of August. A rise in raw cotton offset a decline in raw wool to leave the index for Textiles unchanged at 68.5. Raw wool at 59.6 touched the lowest point in over two years. Non-Ferrous Metals dipped from 71.2 to 70.9 when a decrease in copper outweighed a gain in tin, but Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 79.7, 103.9, 87.1 and 80.8 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 85.5 to 85.4. Field Products remained at 88.2 when weakness in grains and straw was nullified by advances in potatoes and onions, and Animal Products declined from 80.9 to 80.6 largely because of decreases in livestock, hides and wool.

	: No. of :	: 1937 :		: 1938 :		
		: Price :	: Feb. :	: Jan. :	: Jan. :	: Jan. :
	: Series :	: 5 :	: 14 :	: 21 :	: 28 :	: 4 :
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	82.0	x84.2	x83.7	x83.6	83.6
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	87.8	88.0	87.1	87.1	87.2
II. Animals and Their Products	76	75.4	77.3	77.6	77.4	76.8
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.9	68.9	68.6	68.5	68.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	72.7	x80.4	x79.9	x79.7	79.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	92.1	104.1	103.9	103.9	103.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	83.5	73.3	71.6	71.2	70.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.4	x87.2	87.1	x87.1	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.5	80.9	80.8	80.8	80.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	85.8	87.2	85.6	85.5	85.4

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