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

Wholesale commodity prices again moved lower in the week ending May 6 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index fell from 81.5 for the week ending April 29 to 81.0. This compared with 85.2 for a year ago and 87.7 for the third week of July, 1937, when prices were at a peak. Grains, milk products and several of the non-ferrous metals were among those commodities to show reductions, while livestock was the only group of importance to make an advance.

Vegetable Products dropped from 81.6 to 80.2 due to weakness in grains, flour, raw rubber and cocoa beans. The index for cocoa beans stood at 54.0 as compared with 104.4 for the corresponding week of last year. Animal Products moved from 78.0 to 77.6 when reductions in fish, butter and cheese outweighed a rise in livestock. Cheaper quotations for cedar shingles changed the index for Wood from 78.2 to 78.0, while Non-Ferrous Metals dipped from 70.2 to 69.9 because of declines in antimony, copper, lead and tin. The tin index at 61.5 reached the lowest point since April 1933. Textiles, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 67.7, 102.5, 86.6 and 80.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products decreased from 79.9 to 78.5. Field Products fell from 79.1 to 76.4 as grains and hay moved lower, while Animal Products rose from 81.2 to 81.9 as advances in livestock and poultry proved of more importance than a decline in raw wool.

	No. of Series	1938				
		May	April	April	April	May
	7	15	22	29	6	
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	85.2	83.0	82.4	81.5	81.0
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	89.2	85.1	83.8	81.6	80.2
II. Animals and Their Products	76	76.9	80.0	79.0	78.0	77.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	73.6	67.8	67.8	67.7	67.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	78.3	78.9	78.2	78.2	78.0
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.2	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	85.5	71.0	70.9	70.2	69.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.5	86.7	86.7	86.6	86.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	82.2	80.4	80.4	80.4	80.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	88.4	83.6	82.5	79.9	78.5

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