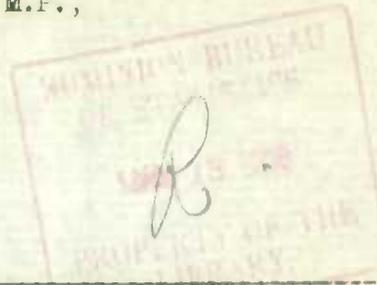


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics weekly index number of wholesale commodity prices fell from 81.0 for the week ending May 6 to 80.8 for the week ending May 13. Recessions occurred in Vegetable Products, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals while Animal Products alone recorded an advance.

Vegetable Products declined from 80.2 to 79.8. Raw rubber and coffee were firm but grains and milled products moved lower. In contrast to the weakness in wheat, moderately higher quotations ruled for oats, barley, rye and flax. Animal Products rose from 77.6 to 77.7. Livestock, fresh meats, butter and eggs advanced while canned salmon, furs, cured meats, cheese and lard sold lower. Although livestock prices have been working gradually higher since the first of the year they are still about 7 p.c. below those for the corresponding week of last year. A slight decrease in rolling-mill products lowered the index for Iron from 102.5 to 102.4, and reductions in lead and zinc carried the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 69.9 to 69.6. Textiles, Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 67.7, 78.0, 86.6 and 80.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 78.5 to 78.1. Field Products fell from 76.4 to 75.5. because of declines in wheat and hay, while Animal Products rose from 81.9 to 82.4 on strength in livestock and eggs.

	: No. of	: 1937 :		: 1938			
		: Price	: May	: April	: April	: April	: May
	: Series	: 14	: 15	: 22	: 29	: 6	: 13
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	84.7	83.0	82.4	81.5	81.0	80.8
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT							
MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products	135	87.8	85.1	83.8	81.6	80.2	79.8
II. Animals and Their Products	76	76.4	80.0	79.0	78.0	77.6	77.7
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	73.6	67.8	67.8	67.7	67.7	67.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	78.3	78.9	78.2	78.2	78.0	78.0
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.2	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	84.8	71.0	70.9	70.2	69.9	69.6
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.6	86.7	86.7	86.6	86.6	86.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	82.2	80.4	80.4	80.4	80.4	80.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	86.5	83.6	82.5	79.9	78.5	78.1

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