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

After a pause of three weeks wholesale commodity prices again moved downward in the week ending June 17, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics weekly index declined to 80.2 from 80.3. Vegetable Products advanced, mainly because of strength in grains, but declines occurred in all other groups with the exception of Non-Metallic Minerals.

Vegetable Products rose from 78.7 to 79.4. Grains, flour and raw rubber were buoyant while dried fruits, sugar, cocoa products, potatoes and vegetable oils declined. Raw linseed oil broke sharply to show a reduction of over 10 p.c. Animal Products fell from 78.6 to 77.4. Higher prices ruled for fish, livestock and eggs but hides, leather, shoes, fresh meats and milk products sold lower. The index for milk products dropped from 78.3 to 75.0 which compared with 74.2 a year ago. Small advances in raw cotton, raw silk and raw wool were outweighed by decreases in hosiery, knit goods, cotton fabrics, wool blankets, jute and burlap products and the Textile index dropped from 67.4 to 67.1. Lower prices for Maritime spruce and pulp were chiefly responsible for changing the index for Wood from 77.1 to 76.7, while Iron eased from 101.5 to 101.4 because of reductions in hardware and scrap metal. Non-Ferrous Metals dipped from 67.5 to 67.1 to lose the gain of last week. Tin moved up but lower prices obtained for antimony, copper, lead and zinc. A slight decrease in coal failed to change the index for Non-Metallic Minerals from 87.1, but Chemicals fell from 80.3 to 80.1 largely because of declines in castor oil, glycerine and paint materials.

Canadian Farm Products remained at 76.9. Field Products rose from 73.4 to 75.3 when increases in grains and tobacco proved of more importance than reductions in potatoes and hay, while Animal Products dropped from 82.8 to 79.6 as decreases in hides and milk outweighed advances in livestock, eggs and wool.

	: No. of :	1937		1938		
		June	May	June	June	June
		: Series:	18	27	3	10
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	84.2	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.2
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	85.9	79.0	79.2	78.7	79.4
II. Animals and Their Products	76	77.5	78.1	78.1	78.6	77.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	83	73.9	67.5	67.4	67.4	67.1
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.3	77.1	77.1	77.1	76.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.4	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	83.0	66.7	67.1	67.5	67.1
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.6	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.5	80.4	80.3	80.3	80.1
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	83.4	77.3	77.4	76.9	76.9

