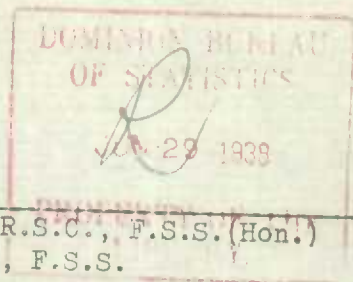


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

The recent brisk advance in security prices was partially reflected in commodity markets, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale commodity prices rose from 80.2 for the week ending June 17th to 80.4 for the week ending June 24. Declines predominated in the Vegetable group but advances were more numerous in Animal Products, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals.

Vegetable Products fell from 79.4 to 79.1. The index for grains was unchanged at 78.7 as slightly easier prices for wheat, barley and rye were offset by increases in oats and flax. Bran and shorts were lower as were rubber products, coffee and potatoes, but chinawood oil, raw rubber and cocoa beans moved up. Renewal of factory interest was credited with stimulating raw rubber prices at New York and the index for this sub-group rose from 26.6 to 28.7 which compared with 44.3 for a year ago. Animal Products mounted from 77.4 to 78.2. Price changes were almost entirely upward and lard was the only commodity of any importance to show a decline. Hides, livestock, meats and eggs made the larger gains while fish and butter were slightly firmer. Increases in raw cotton and raw silk carried the index for Textiles from 67.1 to 67.3 while Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 67.1 to 69.1 as copper, lead, tin and zinc moved higher. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 76.7, 101.4, 87.1 and 80.1 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products increased from 76.9 to 77.3. Field Products eased from 75.3 to 75.2 because of weakness in hay, while Animal Products rose from 79.6 to 80.7 due to higher prices for livestock, hides and eggs.

	No. of Price Series	1938				
		1937 June 25	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	84.8	80.3	80.3	80.2	80.4
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	86.9	79.2	78.7	79.4	79.1
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.5	78.1	78.6	77.4	78.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	73.9	67.4	67.4	67.1	67.3
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.7	77.1	77.1	76.7	76.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.5	101.5	101.5	101.4	101.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	85.0	67.1	67.5	67.1	69.1
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.8	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.5	80.3	80.3	80.1	80.1
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	85.1	77.4	76.9	76.9	77.3

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