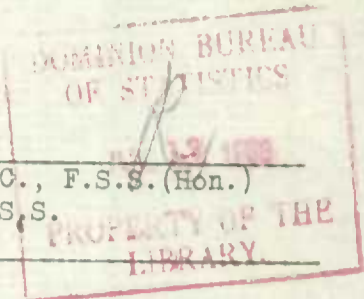


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938.
(1926=100)

Advances were more numerous than declines among wholesale commodities during the week ending July 8 but falling prices for grains, fresh meats, milk products, and steel pipe were sufficient to depress the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index from 79.9 for the week ending July 1 to 79.1. Raw rubber, eggs, raw cotton and copper showed price increases.

Vegetable Products fell from 77.4 to 74.7. Raw rubber and potatoes were higher, but grains, flour and raw sugar decreased. The grain index dropped from 74.1 to 68.5 which compared with 103.7 for a year ago and 64.2 for the corresponding week in 1936. Observers are now predicting a record world wheat crop for 1938. Animal Products rose from 78.3 to 78.6 as advances in hides, cured meats, lard and eggs proved of more importance than reductions in livestock, fresh meats and milk products. In the livestock division quotations for steers were off but calves, hogs and lambs were firm. Moderate gains in raw cotton and raw silk increased the index for Textiles from 67.4 to 67.5 while a lower price for steel pipe was mainly responsible for lowering the index for Iron from 101.3 to 100.8. Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 69.5 to 70.1 on strength in copper, tin and zinc but Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 76.7, 87.1 and 80.1 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products dipped from 75.0 to 72.2. Field Products dropped from 71.6 to 66.8 when a decline in grains outweighed a rise in potatoes, while Animal Products rose from 80.7 to 81.3 as increases in hides and eggs proved of more importance than a reduction in milk products.

	No. of	1937		1938		
	Price	July	June	June	July	July
	Series	9	17	24	1	8
	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	87.0	80.2	80.4	79.9	79.1
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	94.1	79.4	79.1	77.4	74.7
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.4	77.4	78.2	78.3	78.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	73.8	67.1	67.3	67.4	67.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.7	76.7	76.7	76.7	76.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.6	101.4	101.4	101.3	100.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	85.9	67.1	69.1	69.5	70.1
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	80.1	80.1	80.1	80.1
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	93.1	76.9	77.3	75.0	72.2

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