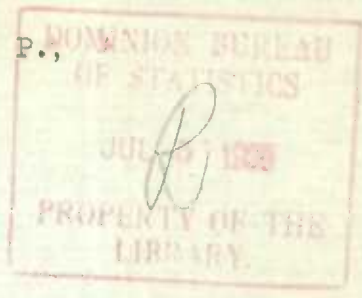


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, fell from 80.4 for the week ending June 24 to 79.9 for the week ending July 1. This was the lowest point touched since December 1936, and compared with 86.2 for a year ago.

Vegetable Products declined from 79.1 to 77.4. Lower quotations ruled for grains, flour and raw sugar, while raw rubber and potatoes moved up. Moisture conditions in the wheat growing areas influenced grain prices to a considerable degree and the grain index dropped 4.6 points to 74.1 which compared with 98.5 for the corresponding week of 1937. Animal Products rose from 78.2 to 78.3 when increases in butter, cheese, eggs and meats proved of greater weight than recessions in furs, livestock and lobsters. Exports of livestock were small and prices mixed with hogs and lambs showing strength and steers and calves working moderately lower. Advances in raw cotton, raw silk and raw wool moved the Textile index from 67.3 to 67.4, while Iron changed from 101.4 to 101.3 because of declines in rolling-mill products. Higher prices for copper, lead, tin and zinc raised the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 69.1 to 69.5, but Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 76.7, 87.1 and 80.1 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 77.3 to 75.0. Field Products fell from 75.2 to 71.6 due largely to weakness in grains, while Animal Products remained at 80.7 as a decline in livestock was offset by advances in eggs and wool.

	: No. of	: 1937 :		1938		
		: Price	: July	: June	: June	: June
	: Series	: 2	: 10	: 17	: 24	: 1
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	83.2	80.3	80.2	80.4	79.9
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	91.5	78.7	79.4	79.1	77.4
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.4	78.6	77.4	78.2	78.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	73.9	67.4	67.1	67.3	67.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.7	77.1	76.7	76.7	76.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.5	101.5	101.4	101.4	101.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	84.9	67.5	67.1	69.1	69.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.8	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.5	80.3	80.1	80.1	80.1
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	90.4	76.9	76.9	77.3	75.0

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