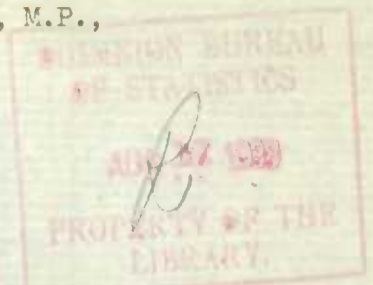


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938  
(1926=100)

A further recession in wholesale commodity prices was reflected in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics weekly index which fell from 77.2 for the week ending August 5 to 76.6 for the week ending August 12. Declines occurred in five of the eight major groups comprising the index, while three remained unchanged. Among the more important commodities to show reductions were grains, potatoes, meats, raw cotton and copper.

Vegetable Products dropped from 70.5 to 69.1, due largely to weakness in grains, milled products, vegetable oils and potatoes. Animal Products declined from 77.6 to 76.2 influenced by lower prices for livestock, meats, butter, cheese, lard and eggs. Hog prices dropped sharply in the past four weeks and the index fell to 75.7 as compared with 94.0 for the week of July 22 and 83.7 for a year ago. Slight declines in raw cotton and raw wool were mainly responsible for lowering the index for Textiles from 67.1 to 67.0, while the index for Iron eased from 97.8 to 97.7 because of lower prices for sundry items of hardware. Non-Ferrous Metals were generally weaker and the index for this group fell from 70.7 to 70.3. Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 76.6, 86.6 and 79.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products receded from 66.7 to 64.8. Field Products declined from 58.8 to 56.1 as grains, potatoes and onions moved lower, while Animal Products moved from 80.0 to 79.3 due mainly to decreases in livestock, eggs and wool.

	No. of Price Series	1937		1938		
		Aug. 13	July 22	July 29	Aug. 5	Aug. 12
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	85.9	78.6	78.0	77.2	76.6
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	88.2	74.7	72.8	70.5	69.1
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	80.7	78.4	78.1	77.6	76.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	74.0	67.2	67.2	67.1	67.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	78.0	76.5	76.3	76.6	76.6
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	105.6	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.7
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	86.5	70.3	70.8	70.7	70.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	87.0	86.7	86.7	86.6	86.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	81.7	79.1	79.3	79.4	79.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	84.8	71.8	69.8	66.7	64.8

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