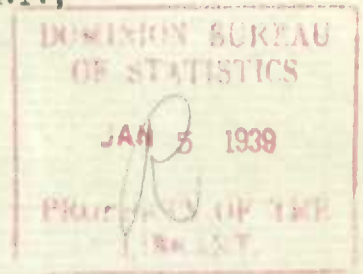


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

Wholesale commodity prices were moderately firmer as the year ended, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index rose from 73.2 for the week ending December 23 to 73.5 for the week ending December 30. This compared with 83.0 for the final week of 1937 and indicated a net loss of 9.5 points over the year.

In the week under review, changes of importance were confined almost entirely to the food groups. Vegetable Products mounted from 59.9 to 60.6, largely because of increases in grains, flour and milled products, raw rubber, raw sugar and potatoes. The potato index moved up 6.0 points to 50.4, marking an increase of approximately 65 p.c. over the corresponding week of last year. Animal Products advanced from 72.8 to 73.1, when higher quotations for livestock and meats outweighed reductions in hides, cheese, lard and eggs. Since touching the year's low of 73.7 for the first week of November, the index for fresh meats has risen steadily to 83.3 for the past week. Textiles, Wood, Iron, Non-Ferrous Metals, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 66.4, 76.2, 98.1, 71.7, 86.3 and 79.0 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products climbed from 64.6 to 65.0. Field Products advanced from 53.7 to 54.2, due to strength in grains, potatoes and onions, while Animal Products rose from 82.8 to 83.1, when an advance in livestock proved of more importance than declines in hides and eggs.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	1937		1938		
		Dec. : 31 :	Dec. : 9 :	Dec. : 16 :	Dec. : 23 :	Dec. : 30 :
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	83.0	73.3	73.4	73.2	73.5
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	86.6	60.1	60.2	59.9	60.6
II. Animals and Their Products ..	76	77.9	73.1	72.9	72.8	73.1
III. Fibres, Textiles & Textile Products	85	68.9	66.3	66.3	66.4	66.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	75.5	76.4	76.3	76.2	76.2
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products	18	71.8	71.2	71.7	71.7	71.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.0	86.2	86.3	86.3	86.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.9	79.3	79.2	79.0	79.0
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	85.7	64.4	64.5	64.6	65.0

