

1.—Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices in Canada, (Chief Component Material Classification), 1890-1927—concluded.

(1890-1913, Unweighted; 1913-1927, Weighted. 1913=100.)

| Groups. | 1908. | 1909. | 1910. | 1911. | 1912. | 1913. | 1914. | 1915. | 1916. | 1917. |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Vegetable products (grains, fruits, etc.)..... | 97.2 | 101.1 | 105.7 | 108.6 | 111.9 | 100.0 | 111.6 | 130.2 | 149.8 | 214.4 |
| Animals and their products..... | 76.9 | 82.6 | 87.3 | 84.8 | 95.4 | 100.0 | 102.5 | 104.4 | 119.9 | 155.8 |
| Fibres, textiles and textile products... | 86.7 | 85.0 | 87.8 | 88.8 | 90.0 | 100.0 | 97.8 | 100.2 | 133.3 | 198.8 |
| Wood, wood products and paper..... | 90.9 | 89.0 | 89.5 | 91.0 | 92.4 | 100.0 | 94.3 | 88.5 | 100.1 | 122.4 |
| Iron and its products..... | 101.8 | 97.3 | 96.9 | 96.9 | 97.3 | 100.0 | 97.7 | 107.2 | 151.8 | 220.2 |
| Non-ferrous metals and their products | 85.4 | 82.9 | 83.5 | 86.5 | 98.6 | 100.0 | 96.2 | 108.6 | 137.3 | 146.2 |
| Non-metallic minerals and their products..... | 90.2 | 87.1 | 88.7 | 86.1 | 91.2 | 100.0 | 94.5 | 96.4 | 102.2 | 126.0 |
| Chemicals and allied products..... | 95.1 | 91.3 | 93.7 | 95.3 | 97.1 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 107.4 | 123.1 | 154.8 |
| Total..... | 96.9 | 91.4 | 94.3 | 95.0 | 99.5 | 100.0 | 102.3 | 109.9 | 131.6 | 178.5 |

| Groups. | 1918. | 1919. | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. | 1926. | 1927. |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Vegetable products (grains, fruits, etc.)..... | 220.2 | 234.4 | 287.6 | 178.2 | 148.4 | 144.2 | 153.8 | 173.3 | 172.2 | 165.1 |
| Animals and their products..... | 179.4 | 198.7 | 204.8 | 154.6 | 135.4 | 134.1 | 129.4 | 141.4 | 141.3 | 141.7 |
| Fibres, textiles and textile products... | 269.9 | 281.4 | 303.3 | 165.0 | 174.7 | 200.9 | 202.5 | 193.3 | 171.8 | 160.9 |
| Wood, wood products and paper..... | 139.4 | 171.6 | 241.6 | 202.5 | 166.4 | 176.8 | 165.8 | 159.0 | 156.5 | 154.2 |
| Iron and its products..... | 227.3 | 201.8 | 244.4 | 185.7 | 151.8 | 168.0 | 181.0 | 151.6 | 145.1 | 143.2 |
| Non-ferrous metals and their products | 144.2 | 135.6 | 137.7 | 98.6 | 98.9 | 96.8 | 96.3 | 105.6 | 101.6 | 94.8 |
| Non-metallic minerals and their products..... | 144.9 | 163.8 | 197.5 | 205.4 | 188.4 | 183.8 | 183.4 | 176.6 | 176.1 | 171.1 |
| Chemicals and allied products..... | 187.3 | 185.4 | 223.3 | 184.7 | 166.4 | 164.8 | 161.8 | 157.1 | 157.8 | 153.8 |
| Total..... | 190.0 | 209.2 | 243.5 | 171.8 | 152.0 | 153.0 | 155.2 | 166.3 | 156.2 | 151.6 |

Statistics of Current Prices.—The weighted general index number for the 236 commodities included in the index number of wholesale prices is shown by months for the eight years 1920 to 1927 in Table 2. In Table 3, the monthly weighted index numbers of commodities are shown by groups for each month from Jan. 1925. Monthly weighted index numbers of commodities, according to the purpose classification, are given from Jan. 1925 in Table 4, yearly index numbers of groups of commodities from 1918, classified according to origin, in Table 5, and monthly index numbers for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927 by origin in Table 6.

The Price Movement in 1927.—The general level of prices in 1927 moved downward 4.6 points, the Bureau's weighted index number for 236 commodities being 151.6, as compared with 156.2 in 1926. This is the lowest point the level of wholesale prices has reached since 1916 and is a reduction of 91.9 points from the peak year 1920, when the index was 243.5.

Annual index numbers for seven of the eight main groups were lower than in 1926. Animals and their products, the only group to advance, stood at 141.7 as compared with 141.1 in 1926, the outstanding movement being rising prices for hides and leather. Vegetables and their products fell from 172.2 to 165.1. Prices of wheat, flour, potatoes and hay were the most important influences. Fibres, textiles and textile products declined, though higher prices for raw cotton caused the index to rise in the latter part of the year. Wood, wood products and paper dropped 2.3 points, iron and its products 1.9 points, non-ferrous metals 6.8 points, non-metallic minerals 5 points and chemicals and allied products 4 points.