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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices declined slightly in August, being 149.1 as compared with 149.6 in July. 37 price quotations were lower, 36 higher and 163 unchanged. Of the eight main groups, two were lower, four were slightly higher and two were stationary.

The "Vegetable and Vegetable Products" group exerted most influence on the downward movement of the index. This group declined from 152.0 to 147.8 due mainly to substantially lower levels for grains and also for flour and other milled products. Raw sugar, potatoes, hay and straw advanced in price. Animals and their Products rose from 147.4 to 152.2 chiefly because of higher levels for hogs, sheep, meats, butter and eggs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products fell from 169.3 to 166.5, lower cotton prices more than offsetting slightly higher levels for silk, jute, hessian and sash cord. Non-Ferrous Metals advanced from 95.7 to 95.8, advances in lead, tin and spelter more than offsetting declines in silver and antimony. Non-Metallic Minerals, owing to advances in coal oil and gasoline, rose from 170.6 to 171.6. Iron and its Products stood at 138.6 as compared with 138.4 in July. Wood and Wood Produce and Chemicals and Allied Products remained stationary.

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