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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

MAY, 1929

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, fell from 94.1 in April to 92.4 for May. 96 price quotations were lower, 68 were higher and 338 were unchanged. Of the eight main groups, four were higher, and four were lower, although three of the gains and one loss were very slight.

Vegetables and Vegetable Products dropped from 83.4 to 81.7, lower prices for apples, grains other than flax, flour, vegetable oils, sugar, cocoa, chocolate and tea, exerting a stronger influence than increases for foreign fruits, flax, rubber, and potatoes. Animals and Their Products made a slight advance from 108.4 to 108.6, rises for fish, live stock and meats being barely great enough to overcome the lower tendency in hides, leather, shoes, butter, milk, cheese, and eggs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products declined from 92.4 to 91.8, all raw materials being lower. Cotton manufactures also displayed noticeable weakness. Wood, Wood Products and Paper dropped from 94.6 to 94.2, lower prices for spruce lath, drop siding, fir dimension, and shingles over-balancing minor gains made by spruce lumber and pulp sulphite. Iron and Its Products, due monthly to strength in steel sheet, tinplate, and cast iron pipe, rose from 93.5 to 94.1. Non-Ferrous Metals continued downward to 95.2, from 98.7 in April. Copper and lead declined sharply, while silver, tin ingots, and spelter were also lower. Chemicals and Allied Products were up from 94.9 to 95.4, weakness in dye stuffs and certain vegetable oils failing to equalize the strength shown by shellac and various inorganic chemicals. Non-Metallic Minerals rose slightly from 91.9 to 92.3 due to spasmodic support from fuels.

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