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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926-100 fell from 96.2 in December to 95.6 in January. 96 quotations were lower, 54 were higher, and 352 remained unchanged.

Vegetables and Vegetable Products were lower at 92.7 as against 94.2 in December. Lower prices for grains, rubber, coffee, and tea were chiefly responsible for this decline. Animals and Their Products rose from 109.7 to 110.4 influenced largely by better prices for livestock and storage eggs. Textiles and Textile Products fell from 89.6 to 88.6, the lowest point reached since August 1921. This was due to lower prices for jute, hessian, sisal, raw wool, and wool fabrics which more than offset gains for raw silk. Wood, Wood Products and Paper were slightly lower at 93.3 as compared with 93.5 in December. Easier quotations for spruce lath and hemlock lumber were the chief cause of this decline. Iron and Its Products fell from 93.5 in December to 93.4 in January, influenced by lower prices for steel plates, steel sheets and wire cloth. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products dropped from 96.4 to 95.5 due to lower quotations for silver, antimony, tin, and zinc (spelter). Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products remained unchanged at 93.2. Chemicals and Allied Products were lower at 94.9 in January as compared with 95.4 in the preceding month. Higher prices for fertilizers were more than counterbalanced by lower quotations for carbon black, shellac, creosote oil, quobrachio and hemlock extract.

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