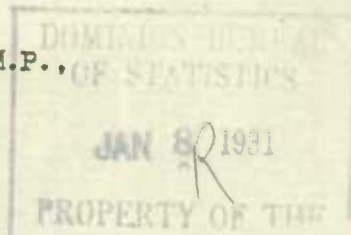


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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, 1926=100, fell from 79.8 in November to 77.8 in December which is the lowest point reached since December 1915 when the index was 72.6. 30 quotations were higher, 122 were lower, while 350 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products dropped from 62.9 to 59.8, owing chiefly to easier prices for wheat, flax, oats, corn, flour, oatmeal, rolled oats, raw rubber, and hay, which influenced the index more than gains for barley, bran, and rosin. Animals and Their Products declined from 93.6 to 90.3, due to reduced quotations for canned salmon, hides, butter, cheese, eggs and hogs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products moved down from 77.5 to 76.9, lower prices obtaining for raw cotton, raw jute, hessian, manila, hemp, raw wool and worsted cloth yarns. Wood, Wood Products and Paper fell from 85.8 to 85.2, on account of price reductions for spruce deals, and scantling, hemlock lumber, and wood pulp. Iron and Its Products declined from 89.4 to 89.0, because of easier prices for automobile body plates, and scrap. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products dropped from 73.5 to 71.6, due to reduced prices for electrolytic copper, copper wire bars, copper wire, silver, tin, and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products advanced from 89.4 to 89.5, owing principally to higher prices for imported bituminous coal. Chemicals and Allied Products changed from 91.0 to 90.4, quotations being lower for arsenious oxide, lithopone, crude iodine and shellac.

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