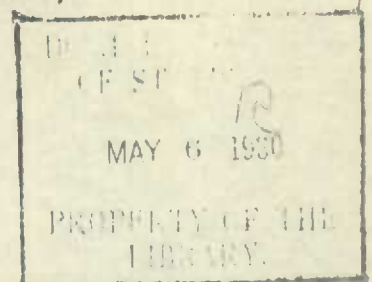


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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926-100 fell from 91.9 in March to 91.7 in April. 67 quotations were higher, 120 were lower and 315 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products moved up from 84.9 in March to 86.4 in April, higher quotations for wheat, barley, corn and fresh vegetables influencing the index more than declines for rubber, sugar, coffee, and chinawood oil. Animals and Their Products remained unchanged at 106.4. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products were lower at 84.1 as compared with 86.4 because of easier quotations for cotton fabrics, silk and silk fabrics and wool. Wood, Wood Products and Paper fell from 91.8 to 91.4, higher prices for fir drop siding and cedar bevel siding being overbalanced by losses in cedar shingles and groundwood pulp. Iron and Steel and Their Products weakened fractionally from 92.6 to 92.5 due to lower prices for malleable and basic pig iron and steel billets. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products dropped sharply from 93.1 to 86.8. This decline was caused by reduced quotations for Chinese antimony, copper and copper products, lead, and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products declined from 93.2 to 92.9 owing to easier prices for lime and cement. Chemicals and Allied Products changed slightly from 94.0 to 93.9, lower prices prevailing for copper sulphate, ether, quebracho, and logwood extract.

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