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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, 1926=100, fell from 84.1 in August to 82.5 in September. 44 quotations were higher, 111 were lower, while 34.7 remained unchanged.

Apart from the Vegetable group, there was a greater degree of stability apparent throughout the various sections of the index, than has been in evidence for some time. Declines were moderate, with the exception of those for grains and copper.

Vegetable Products declined from 75.5 to 70.6 due to reduced quotations for barley, flax, wheat, peas, oats, rye, corn, flour, bran, shorts, and rubber. Animals and Their Products rose from 92.8 to 93.8, advances made by milk, butter, eggs, bacon, ham, hides, and calfskins influencing the the index more than losses for canned salmon, beaver, lynx and muskrat pelts, steers and lambs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products moved down from 79.9 to 79.2 because of easier prices for raw cotton, cotton sheeting, jute, hemp and sisal. Wood, Wood Products and Paper dropped from 86.6 to 86.2 chiefly because of reductions in the price of unbleached sulphite pulp, and fir flooring. Iron and Its Products declined fractionally from 90.8 to 90.6 on account of easier quotations for steel tank plates, automobile body plates and steel sheets. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products fell from 74.4 to 73.7, influenced by reduced prices for electrolytic copper, brass, lead and zinc (spelter), which more than offset gains made by antimony, silver and imported copper wire bars. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products rose from 90.5 to 90.8 chiefly because of higher prices for imported and domestic coal. Chemicals and Allied Products moved down slightly from 92.2 to 92.0, with lower prices obtaining for aluminium sulphate and gray acetate of lime.

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