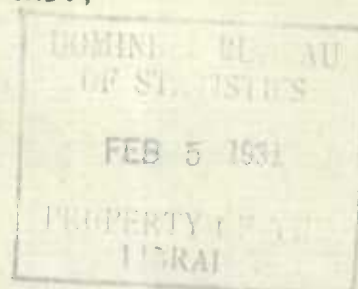


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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, 1926=100, fell from 77.8 in December to 76.7 in January. 61 quotations were higher, 123 were lower, while 318 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products declined from 59.4 to 58.1, due to reduced quotations for wheat, rye, barley, flax, flour, gluten meal, coffee, and raw rubber. Animals and Their Products dropped from 90.5 to 88.7, owing chiefly to easier prices for steers, hogs, fresh meats, hides, cheese and fresh eggs, which more than offset gains for calves, lambs and butter. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products fell from 76.9 to 75.5, on account of price reductions for cotton thread, cottonades, denims, ticking, georgette, drepe de chene and fugi which influenced the index more than gains for raw cotton and raw silk. Wood, Wood Products and Paper moved fractionally from 85.2 to 85.1, due principally to lower prices for merchantable spruce scantling. Iron and Its Products declined from 89.0 to 88.7, influenced by easier quotations for wire. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products dropped from 71.6 to 69.1, lower prices obtaining for electrolytic copper, copper sheets, imported copper wire bars, copper wire, brass sheets, lead, silver and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products moved down from 89.4 to 89.3, because of easier quotations for plate glass. Chemicals and Allied Products changed from 90.3 to 88.5 owing to reduced prices for copper sulphate, aluminium sulphate, citric acid and shellac.

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