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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, again advanced, rising from 70.4 in October to 70.6 in November. 96 quotations were higher, 70 were lower, while 336 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products rose from 56.0 to 57.5, advances for wheat, oats, rye, corn, barley and flour, influencing the index more than losses for potatoes, carrots, turnips, parsnips and hay. Animals and Their Products dropped from 68.0 to 67.3, chiefly on account of price reductions for fresh and cured meats, calves, hogs, and lambs, which more than offset gains for steers, butter, lard, and eggs. Fibres, Textiles, and Textile Products moved down from 71.9 to 71.7 because of easier quotations for men's cotton underwear, raw silk, and botany serge, which more than counterbalanced advances for raw cotton, raw jute, raw wool, and woollen yarn. Wood, Wood Products and Paper changed from 77.5 to 76.7, owing principally to reduced prices for spruce lumber, and ground-wood pulp. Iron and Its Products fell from 87.3 to 87.0 due to easier quotations for scrap iron and steel. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products moved up from 62.9 to 63.8, better prices obtaining for lead, silver and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products were 86.5 as compared with 86.6, because of lower quotations for gasolene and sulphur. Chemicals and Allied Products changed from 84.7 to 84.9, influenced by rises in the prices of sodium bichromate, and hemlock and logwood extracts.

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