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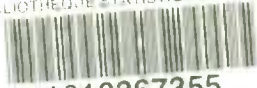
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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES  
JULY, 1931. PRELIMINARY

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices 1926=100, dropped from 72.2 in June, to 71.7 in July. 77 quotations were higher, 108 were lower, while 317 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products moved down from 58.7 to 57.6, lower prices for barley, rye, wheat, flour, brans, shorts and coffee more than offsetting gains for flax, corn, granulated and yellow sugar, raw rubber and cocoanut and linseed oils. Animals and Their Products were 71.1 as compared with 70.3, gains for hides, cured meats, steers, hogs and cheese, influencing the index more than losses for leather, calves, lambs, milk and raw furs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products moved down from 75.2 to 74.2 on account of lower prices for cottonades, denims, ticking, gingham and saxonys. Wood, Wood Products and Paper declined from 80.2 to 79.6 because of price reductions for pine, soft maple and oak lumber and unbleached sulphite pulp. Iron and Its Products fell from 87.4 to 87.1 lower prices obtaining for galvanized pails and scrap iron and steel. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products changed fractionally from 62.7 to 62.5 reduced prices for electrolytic copper, copper sheets, and imported copper wire bars, more than counterbalancing gains for antimony, lead, tin, silver and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products advanced from 84.8 to 85.1 owing chiefly to firmer prices for anthracite and domestic, screened, lump coal. Chemicals and Allied Products averaged 86.8 as against 86.6, being influenced by higher quotations for sodium bicarbonate, methyl alcohol, and white lead.

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