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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES  
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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index numbers of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, moved down from 70.9 in August to 70.0 in September. 45 quotations were higher, 135 were lower, while 322 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products fell from 56.1 to 54.6, lower prices for corn, flax, oats, wheat, flour, bran and shorts more than offsetting gains for oranges, lemons, and rye. Animals and Their Products declined from 70.9 to 68.8 reduced quotations for steers, hogs, lambs, beaver pelts, and leather exerting more influence on the index than advances for calves, canned lobsters, and eggs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products moved down from 73.8 to 72.4, owing principally to price reductions for raw cotton, raw silk, raw wool, black denim, and fine grade woollen cloth. Wood, Wood Products and Paper was 77.9 as against 78.6, lower prices obtaining for spruce and fir lumber and ground-wood pulp. Iron and Its Products remained unchanged at 86.8. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products changed fractionally from 60.9 to 60.2, easier quotations for antimony, copper, lead, tin, and zinc, influencing the index more than gains for silver. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products rose from 85.2 to 86.6, due chiefly to advances for plate glass, gasoline, kerosene and anthracite coal. Chemicals and Allied Products dropped from 86.4 to 84.7 on account of reductions in the prices of citric acid, copper sulphate, quebracho extract, dried blood and cyanamid.

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