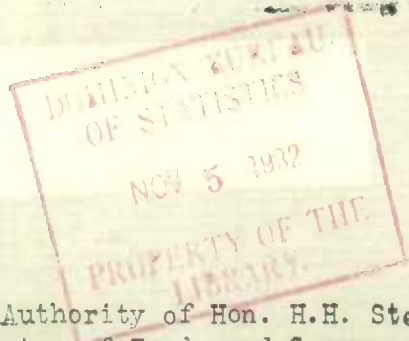


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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, OCTOBER(PRELIMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, fell from 66.9 in September to 65.0 in October. 47 quotations were higher, 129 were lower, while 326 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products declined from 53.5 to 52.2, due in large part to price recessions for wheat, oats, rye, flax, barley, corn, flour, bran and shorts. Animals and Their Products moved down from 60.8 to 59.3, reductions for steers, hogs, lambs, and fresh meats more than offsetting gains for calves, lard, and eggs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products declined from 70.0 to 69.1, due mainly to easier quotations for raw cotton, cottonades, saxony, raw jute, raw silk, and worsted cloth yarns. Wood, Wood Products and Paper fell from 69.9 to 64.5, chiefly because of lower prices for newsprint, and for chemical and mechanical wood pulp. Iron and Its Products changed fractionally from 85.9 to 85.8, losses for steel tank plates, automobile body plates, and galvanized steel sheets, outweighing gains for hot rolled and annealed steel sheets and scrap steel. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products were 57.7 in October, as compared with 58.9 in September. Lower prices obtained for electrolytic copper, imported copper wire bars, lead, tin and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products moved down from 86.1 to 85.9, declines for sulphur, quicklime, and crushed stone, influencing the index more than advances for western domestic, and imported anthracite coal. Chemicals and Allied Products rose from 82.8 to 83.4, chiefly because of higher quotations for shellac, white lead, and fertilizers.



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