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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, SEPTEMBER(PRELIMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, rose fractionally from 66.8 in August to 66.9 in September. 111 quotations were higher, 90 were lower, while 301 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products dropped from 55.1 to 53.5, lower quotations for barley, corn, oats, wheat, flour, bran and shorts, exerting a greater influence on the index than gains for flax, gluten meal, and coffee. Animals and Their Products advanced from 58.9 to 60.7, gains for cured meats, calves, hogs, hides, butter, cheese, lard and eggs more than offsetting reductions for canned salmon, steers, lambs, and shoes. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products rose from 69.3 to 70.0, due chiefly to higher quotations for raw cotton, silk, wool, and cotton fabrics. Wood, Wood Products and Paper advanced from 71.1 to 71.5, gains for pine lumber and cedar shingles outweighing losses for spruce lumber, and for unbleached sulphite and groundwood pulp. Iron and Its Products changed from 86.1 to 85.9, influenced largely by easier quotations for steel sheets, steel tank plates, and scrap iron. Non-Ferrous Metals moved up from 57.3 to 58.9, advances for antimony, copper, lead, tin and zinc influencing the index more than reductions for aluminium and silver. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products were 86.1 in September as compared with 85.9 in August. Higher price obtained from imported anthracite and domestic coal. Chemicals and Allied Products changed fractionally from 82.9 to 82.8 due in part to price recessions for carbon black.

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