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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, OCTOBER, 1933. (PRELIMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926-100, fell from 68.9 in September, to 67.9 in October. 59 quotations were higher, 112 were lower, while 331 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products dropped from 62.5 to 59.5, due chiefly to price reductions for wheat, oats, rye, flax, barley, bran, shorts and flour. Animals and Their Products moved down from 60.7 to 60.2, declines for steers, hogs, lambs, hides, fresh and cured meats outweighing advances for calves, milk, butter and eggs. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products changed from 71.7 to 71.4 owing principally to lower quotations for raw cotton and silk, cotton fabrics, and thread. Wood, Wood Products and Paper rose from 63.9 to 64.7, chiefly on account of higher prices for newsprint, sulphite pulp, fir dimension and spruce deals. Iron and Its products advanced from 85.4 to 85.7 because of better quotations for steel sheets and tinplate. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products fell from 67.5 to 65.5, declines for copper, lead, silver, and zinc, influencing the index more than advances for tin. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products were higher at 85.3 in October, as compared with 85.1 in the previous month. Better quotations for window glass and fuel oil, more than offset reduced prices for imported anthracite and domestic coal, sulphur and cement. Chemicals and Allied Products changed from 81.8 in September to 81.3 in the following month. Alum, copper sulphate, zinc oxide, lithopone and potassium iodide moved downward, while quebracho, logwood and hemlock extracts advanced.

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