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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, AUGUST, 1933, (PRELIMINARY)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926 = 100, fell from 70.5 in July, to 69.4 in August. 87 quotations were higher, 90 were lower, while 325 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products declined from 69.8 to 65.7 due principally to price reductions for wheat, oats, rye, barley, flour, bran, and shorts. Animals and Their Products rose from 59.6 to 59.8, gains for hogs, calves, hides, milk, eggs and lard, influencing the index more than losses for steers, lambs, fresh and cured meats and butter. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products advanced from 70.6 to 71.1, higher quotations for raw wool and cotton fabrics, more than offsetting declines for raw cotton, silk and hessian. Wood, Wood Products and Paper moved up from 62.9 to 63.4, better prices for pine and hemlock lumber outweighing price reductions for fir flooring. Iron and Its Products changed from 84.2 to 84.5, due principally to gains for steel sheets, steel tank plates, and automobile body plates. Non-ferrous Metals and Their Products dropped from 69.9 to 68.0, chiefly on account of easier quotations for electrolytic copper, lead, silver, tin, and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products were 83.8 in August, as against 83.6 in July, with better prices obtaining for gasoline, kerosene and sulphur. Chemicals and Allied Products changed fractionally from 81.4 to 81.9. Zinc oxide, lithopone and quebracho extract moved upward, while alum and copper sulphate declined.

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