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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1934
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 rose from 71.2 for the week ending October 5, to 71.4 for the week ending October 12. This was the first time since September 14 that a firmer tendency has been in evidence, due largely to strength in grains and base metals.

Recovery from the preceding week's slump in grain, aided by gains in flour and milled feeds, was the principal reason for advancing the index number of Vegetable Products from 66.5 to 67.2. The index for Animal Products remained unchanged at 66.3. Better prices for fresh meats and eggs were offset by losses in cured meats and oils and fats. In the Textile group a slightly lower price for raw cotton was of more consequence than increases in raw silk and woollen yarns, and the index dropped from 72.6 to 72.5. A slight check was given this week to the long continued downward movement of Non-Ferrous Metals. Gains were noted in antimony, lead, tin ingots and zinc, which were sufficient to outweigh slightly lower prices in copper and the index rose from 61.4 to 61.8. No changes occurred in index numbers of Wood, Wood Products and Paper, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals, which remained at 65.5, 86.6, 86.3 and 82.0 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products climbed from 59.1 to 60.0, a gain of 0.9 attributable mainly to higher prices for grains and eggs.

	: No. of	:	:	:	:	:	:
	: Price	: Jan.	: Mar.	: Sept.	: Sept.	: Oct.	: Oct.
	: Series	: 5	: 2	: 21	: 28	: 5	: 12
Total Index 567							
Commodities	567	69.9	72.2	71.9	71.7	71.2	71.4
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.) .	135	62.8	65.4	68.2	67.9	66.5	67.2
II. Animals and Their Products.	76	64.9	71.7	67.4	66.7	x66.3	66.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.8	74.0	72.8	72.7	72.6	72.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	64.7	65.3	65.3	65.5	65.5	65.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	86.1	87.1	86.6	86.6	86.6	86.6
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	66.9	66.7	61.9	62.0	61.4	61.8
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products.	83	86.1	86.1	86.3	86.3	86.3	86.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.1	80.6	81.9	81.9	x82.0	82.0
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	55.6	58.2	61.1	60.7	59.1	60.0

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