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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 fell from 71.5 for the week ending October 12, to 71.4 for the week ending October 19. Fine silver reached a high for the year when a price of 53.1 cents per ounce was reported. Recessions occurred in grains, milled products and sugars, and gains were registered for dairy products, vegetable oils and the majority of non-ferrous metals.

Vegetable products eased from 67.3 to 66.6 due principally to weakness in sugar and grains. Flour and Milled Products also receded slightly while small advances were noted in corn, vegetable oils, and raw rubber. Price changes in the Animal group were fairly numerous and the index rose from 66.3 to 67.4. Hides and skins firmed but leather and boots and shoes were down. In the livestock section better prices were reported for veal, hogs and lambs but these were more than offset by weakness in steers. Eggs and milk gained but new cheese dropped half a cent. Oils and fats showed strength as did bacon hogs at Toronto and Montreal but cured meats at Winnipeg were lower. The index for Wood Products fell from 65.5 to 65.3, lower prices for spruce deals being chiefly responsible. The increase from 86.6 to 86.7 in Iron and Its Products was largely a reflection of exchange conditions. The index for Non-ferrous Metals rose from 61.8 to 62.4. Copper, antimony and silver were higher while lead shaded off slightly. Chemicals and Allied Products decreased from 82.0 to 80.9, principally because of reduced prices for soaps and tanning materials. Textiles and Non-metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 72.5 and 86.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 60.0 to 61.1, increases in dairy products being of more importance than losses in grains.

	: No. of	:	:	:	:	:	:
	: Price	: Jan.	: Mar.	: Sept.	: Oct.	: Oct.	: Oct.
	: Series	: 5	: 2	: 28	: 5	: 12	: 19
Total Index 567							
Commodities	567	69.9	72.2	71.7	71.2	71.5	71.4
INDEX NUMBERS OF COM-							
MODITIES CLASSIFIED							
ACCORDING TO THEIR							
CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products							
(grains, fruits,							
etc.)	135	62.8	65.4	67.9	66.5	67.3	66.6
II. Animal and							
Their Products ...	76	64.9	71.7	66.7	66.3	66.3	67.4
III. Fibres, Textiles							
and Textile							
Products	85	71.8	74.0	72.7	72.6	72.5	72.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products							
and Paper	49	64.7	65.3	65.5	65.5	65.5	65.3
V. Iron and Its							
Products	44	86.1	87.1	86.6	86.6	86.6	86.7
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals							
and Their Products	18	66.9	66.7	62.0	61.4	61.8	62.4
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	82.0	82.0	80.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	53.6	58.2	60.7	59.1	60.0	61.1

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