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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 71.2 for the week ending October 26th to 71.1 for the week ending November 2. This was the lowest point to be reached in the last five months and was due principally to losses in Vegetable Products, Textiles and Non-ferrous Minerals. Animal Products was the only one of the eight groups to register a gain.

Vegetable Products fell from 66.0 to 65.8 and the losses, if small, were numerous. Grains showed slight weakness and raw rubber and raw sugar shaded off. Vegetable oils, potatoes and straw were easier while corn, oatmeal and malt were among the few commodities to show strength. The animal index rose from 67.3 to 67.4. Steers made a substantial gain on the Toronto market but bacon hogs were generally lower. Fresh meats and eggs brought better prices but butter and fowl showed slight recessions. In the Textile group a decrease in raw cotton proved of more consequence than slight gains in raw silk and the index dropped from 72.5 to 72.4. Chinese antimony was the only one of the non-ferrous group to show marked strength, whereas losses in copper, lead, silver and zinc were of sufficient magnitude to move the index for this group from 63.1 to 62.4. Wood, Iron, Non-metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 65.2, 86.7, 86.2 and 80.6 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 60.6 to 60.5. Lower grain prices were mainly accountable for the drop in the index of field products from 54.5 to 54.2 while gains in livestock and eggs brought the index for the Animal group from 70.8 to 71.0

	No. of Price Series	Jan. 5	Mar. 2	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Nov. 2
Total Index 567							
Commodities	567	69.9	72.2	71.5	71.4	x71.2	71.1
INDEX NUMBERS OF COM- MODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc) ..	135	62.8	65.4	67.3	66.6	66.0	65.8
II. Animals and Their Products	76	64.9	71.7	66.3	67.6	67.3	67.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products ...	85	71.8	74.0	72.5	72.5	72.5	72.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	64.7	65.3	65.5	65.3	x65.2	65.2
V. Iron and Its Products.	44	86.1	87.1	86.6	86.7	86.7	86.7
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products ..	18	66.9	66.7	61.8	62.4	63.1	62.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products ..	83	86.1	86.1	86.3	86.2	86.2	86.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.1	80.6	82.0	80.9	x80.6	80.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	53.6	58.2	60.0	61.4	60.6	60.5

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