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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 dropped from 72.3 for the week ending September 14th, to 72.0 for the week ending September 21st. This was attributable largely to losses in grains, flour and milled products and pulpwood. Advances occurred in two of the groups, viz., Animals and Animal Products and Non-Metallic Minerals, but these were insufficient to stem the downward movement.

The index for the Vegetable group receded 0.7 from 69.1 to 68.4. With the exception of corn and Ontario wheat, grains and milled products were lower - No.1 W.C. flax and No.3 C.W. barley leading with a loss of 11 and 6 cents per bushel respectively. Weakness was shown, also, by vegetable oils and rubber. In the Animal group the index changed from 67.4 to 67.6. Fresh meats and live hogs were lower. Dairy products showed slight gains and better prices were realized for the cheaper grades of canned salmon. A gain in raw silk was offset by slightly lower prices for raw cotton and the index for Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products remained unchanged at 72.8. Wood, Wood Products and Paper fell from 65.5 to 65.3 mainly because of a decline in pulpwood. A loss on tinplate was sufficient to cause a drop of 0.2 from 87.0 to 86.8, in the index for Iron and Iron Products and the continued decline of zinc caused a loss of 0.1 in Non-Ferrous Metals--the index dropping from 62.0 to 61.9. With the change of the season coal prices showed customary strength and the index for Non-Metallic Minerals advanced from 86.1 to 86.2. Slight declines in Chemicals brought the index for this group from 81.8 to 81.7.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 61.8 to 61.1. Losses in grains were of more consequence than gains in onions, hay and straw and the index for Field Products receded from 59.7 to 58.7. In the Animal group gains in hides and skins, fresh milk, and eggs failed to offset losses in livestock and wool and the index for this group moved down from 65.2 to 65.0.

	: No. of :	:	:	:	:	:	:
	: Price :	: Jan.5 :	: Mar.2 :	: Aug.31 :	: Sept.7 :	: Sept.14 :	: Sept.21 :
	: Series :	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	69.9	72.2	71.8	72.1	72.3	72.0
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.)	135	62.8	65.4	68.3	68.7	69.1	68.4
II. Animals and Their Products	76	64.9	71.7	65.7	66.8	67.4	67.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.8	74.0	72.9	72.9	72.8	72.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	64.7	65.3	65.5	65.5	65.5	65.3
V. Iron and Its Products	14	86.1	87.1	87.0	87.0	87.0	86.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	66.9	66.7	62.9	62.3	62.0	61.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.1	86.1	86.1	86.1	86.1	86.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.1	80.6	81.8	81.8	81.8	81.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	53.6	58.2	60.5	60.8	61.8	61.1

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