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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1936-1937.  
(1926-100)

Price changes were predominantly downward during the week ended October 8 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926-100, receded from 85.2 for the week ended October 1 to 84.8. Vegetable Products declined from 88.4 to 87.2 due largely to easier grain prices. Wheat at Winnipeg weakened when rains relieved the Argentine drouth and No. 1 Manitoba Northern dropped from 143 3/8¢ on October 2 to 134 3/8¢ per bushel on the 8th. Exports of flour were considered unusually light for this season and prices eased along with the decline in wheat. Raw rubber and potatoes also showed moderate declines. Animal Products were unchanged at 81.4. In the livestock group, cattle advanced as runs decreased and considerable reductions were shown in the carryovers from the previous week. However, hogs lost ground as British cables indicated easier bacon quotations. Eggs were comparatively steady, fresh receipts continuing to decline and the movement from storage increasing. Fibres changed from 71.2 to 71.1, losses occurring in raw cotton as the United States crop estimates were revised upward. Raw silk and wool were also easier. The lumber situation was still dominated by high freight rates and lack of shipping space, and the index for wood and its products remained at 77.0. Iron and Its Products held at 105.4. Non-Ferrous Metals fell 1.1 points to 78.2, copper, lead and zinc leading the recession. The London copper market broke sharply and Canadian prices reacted. Quotations on a Connecticut Valley basis ranged between 12¢ and 12 3/4¢ during the week with prices firming on news of the curtailment of world output. Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were 87.2 and 81.7 respectively, the same as in the previous week.

Canadian Farm Products moved down from 88.0 to 86.6. Field Products dropped from 88.4 to 86.3 but Animal Products were only .2 points lower at 87.1.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1936		: 1937		
		: Oct.	: Sept.	: Sept.	: Oct.	: Oct.
		: 9	: 17	: 24	: 1	: 8
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	76.7	84.8	85.0	85.2	84.8
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	78.5	85.7	86.7	88.4	87.2
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	73.3	81.5	81.8	81.4	81.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	69.6	71.5	71.4	71.2	71.1
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	69.0	77.7	77.2	77.0	77.0
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	88.2	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products.	13	69.9	82.8	82.3	79.3	78.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.3	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	78.6	81.7	81.7	81.7	81.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	75.4	84.0	85.5	88.0	86.6

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