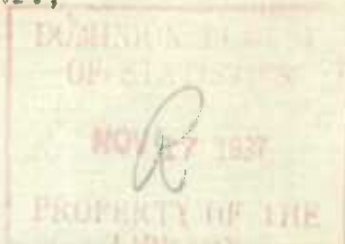


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1936-1937
(1926=100)

The decline in wholesale commodity prices continued still further, although at a decreased rate, according to the weekly index of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, which moved from 83.6 for the week ending November 5 to 83.5 for the week ending November 12. Changes were confined largely to Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals, with reductions predominating in the first two groups and advances prevailing in the latter.

Vegetable Products fell from 85.1 to 84.8 with weakness most evident in grains, raw rubber and vegetable oils. Wheat dropped sharply in the early part of the week but recovered as reports of extensive frost damage in the Argentine were received. Industrial demand for raw rubber has been dwindling for several weeks and trading in this commodity was comparatively light during the past week. The index at 31.6 was the lowest since February of last year. Animal Products decreased from 80.8 to 80.5. Livestock, fresh meats and milk products were firmer but fish, hides, cured meats, lard and eggs moved lower. Prices for hogs have picked up of late, after several weeks of decline, and the index for this group now stands at 63.7 as compared with 56.2 for the corresponding week of last year. Textiles remained at 70.3, as a slight increase in raw cotton was offset by a fall in wool, while strength in lead and zinc outweighed recessions in antimony, copper and tin to raise the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 74.1 to 74.5. Wood Products, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 76.3, 105.1, 87.1 and 81.7 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 84.0 to 83.8. Field Products declined from 82.8 to 82.5 mainly because of weakness in grains while Animal Products rose from 86.0 to 86.1 when strength in livestock and milk proved of more importance than decreases in hides, eggs and wool.

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|---|---|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | Price | Nov. | Oct. | Oct. | Nov. | Nov. |
| | | Series | 13 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 12 |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | | 567 | 76.8 | 84.7 | 84.4 | 83.6 | 83.5 |
| INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS | | | | | | | |
| I. | Vegetable Products | 135 | 78.3 | 88.0 | 87.5 | 85.1 | 84.8 |
| II. | Animals and Their Products | 76 | 72.7 | 80.9 | 80.6 | 80.8 | 80.5 |
| III. | Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 69.6 | 70.6 | 70.5 | 70.3 | 70.3 |
| IV. | Wood, Wood Products and Paper ... | 49 | 69.5 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 76.3 |
| V. | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 88.2 | 105.1 | 105.1 | 105.1 | 105.1 |
| VI. | Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products | 18 | 73.6 | 76.6 | 76.4 | 74.1 | 74.5 |
| VII. | Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 84.8 | 87.2 | 87.1 | 87.1 | 87.1 |
| VIII. | Chemicals and Allied Products ... | 77 | 78.9 | 81.9 | 81.9 | 81.7 | 81.7 |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS | | 70 | 75.7 | 86.8 | 85.9 | 84.0 | 83.8 |

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