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

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, continued downward, after the temporary check of last week, moving from 83.5 for the week ending November 19 to 82.6 for the week ending November 26. Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals alone of the eight major groups failed to show declines, while lows for the year were established by several commodity indexes including grains, raw rubber, hides, raw silk, raw wool, copper and tin.

Vegetable Products fell from 85.5 to 83.6. Following two weeks of good demand, sales of wheat for export fell sharply and the grain index dropped 4.3 points to 85.0. Raw rubber completed the eleventh week of recession by easing from 31.2 to 30.5 while fresh fruits, although still selling close to the levels of last November, decreased 1.9 points to 83.6. Animal Products moved from 80.8 to 79.9 on weakness in hides, livestock, meats, cheese, lard and eggs. Livestock at 83.6 compared with the high for the year of 106.8 in August and 68.7 for a year ago. Fluctuations of the fresh meat index has been more limited. Commencing at 66.1 a year ago, meats advanced to a high of 98.2 in June and then receded to the present level of 78.8. Textiles softened still further and moved from 69.5 to 69.1. Raw cotton recovered the loss of the previous week but reductions were shown by cotton fabrics, knit goods, raw silk and raw wool. British Columbia fir made a further decline which carried the index for Wood Products from 76.1 to 76.0, while a sharp reduction in scrap lowered the Iron index from 105.1 to 104.2. Reductions were general in Non-Ferrous Metals and the index fell from 73.0 to 72.3 while Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 87.2 and 81.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 85.1 to 82.3. Field Products declined from 83.9 to 80.1 when a recession in grains outweighed slight increases in potatoes and hay. Animal Products fell from 87.4 to 86.1 because of weakness in livestock, hides, wool and eggs.

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| | | : Price | : Nov. | : Nov. | : Nov. | : Nov. |
| | : Series | : 27 | : 5 | : 12 | : 19 | : 26 |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 77.2 | 83.6 | 83.5 | 83.5 | 82.6 |
| INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS | | | | | | |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 78.4 | 85.1 | 84.8 | 85.5 | 83.6 |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 73.8 | 80.8 | 80.5 | 80.8 | 79.9 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 69.8 | 70.3 | 70.3 | 69.5 | 69.1 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 69.4 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 76.1 | 76.0 |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 88.3 | 105.1 | 105.1 | 105.1 | 104.2 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products | 18 | 75.5 | 74.1 | 74.5 | 73.0 | 72.3 |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 84.9 | 87.1 | 87.1 | 87.2 | 87.2 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 78.8 | 81.7 | 81.7 | 81.3 | 81.3 |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS | 70 | 77.4 | 84.0 | 83.8 | 85.1 | 82.3 |

