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

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, remained at 84,6 for the week ending Soptember 10, Advances were made by Vogetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals while recessions occurred in Animal Products and Textiles. Nervousness was apparent in grain markets as renewed interme tional friction gave rise to increased apprehension.

Vegetable Products mounted to 85.2 from 84.8. Grain prices moved uncertainly and a sharp drop prace to the holiday was followed by a rapid recovery which carried No.1 Manitoba northern wheat up to close 1 7/8 cents higher. Vegetable oils and raw sugar showed strength, also, while potatoes eased slightly and the index for canned vegetables fell 5.3 points to 78.3, or 1.1 points below the index of a year age. Reductions outweighed increases in Animal Products and the index dropped from 81.1 to 80.5. Hides and eggs were firmer but meats and milk products declined. In connection with milk products it is noteworthy that in the first 8 months of this year the butter production declined 4.4 p.c. and the cheese output increased 11.5 p.c. over the corresponding period of 1936. The livestock index was stationary as hogs moved up to offset declines in steers, calves and lambs. Textile Products showed the effects of weakness in raw cotton, raw silk and raw wool, and the index sagged to 73.1 from 73.3. Recessions in the first two were moderate but raw wool slipped 2.4 points. Non-Ferrous Metals climbed from 84.4 to 84.8 on strength in copper, lead, tin and zinc but just failed to regain all of the previous week's loss. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 77.8, 104.8, 87.1 and 81.7 respectively. In the last group a rise in paint materials was offset by a decline in coal tar products.

Canadian Farm Products ralled after the drop of last week and rose from 81.8 to 82.6. Field Products mounted from 79.9 to 81.0 due largely to the advance in grains, while Animal Products mounted from 84.9 to 85.3 when increases in hides, poultry and eggs proved of greater consequence than a setback in wool.

		No. of	1936	*	1937		
		Price Series	Sept.	: ing.	: Aug.	: Sep	t.:Sept.
INDEX	Index 567 Commodities	567 LS	75•5	85.3	84.8	84.6	
I.	Vegetable Products	135	75.0	86.9	85.4	84.8	85.2
IV. V. VI. VII.	Animals and Their Products	76	72.8	80.9	80.8	81.1	80.5
	Wood, Wood Products and Paper Iron and Its Products Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products, Non-Metallic Minerals and Their	85 49 44 18	70.0 68.6 87.9 70.1	73.8 77.6 104.8 85.8	73.5 77.8 104.8 84.9	104.8	77.8
	Products Chemicals and Allied Products	83 77	85.3 78.5	87.0 81.7	87.1	87.1	87.1 81.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS		70	71.6	83.7	82.1	81.8	82.6

