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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938 (1926=100)

A further decline in wholesale commodity prices moved the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index from 74.5 for the week ending September 30 to 74.2 for the week ending October 7. This was 10.1 points below the peak for the current year established in January. Advances occurred in Textiles, Wood Products and Non-Ferrous Metals while recessions predominated in Vegetables and Animal Products.

Vegetable Products fell from 62.1 to 60.9. Milled products, raw rubber, cocoa and potatoes advanced while grains, vegetable oils, and raw sugar moved lower. Factory buying was credited with supporting the raw rubber market and the index of 36.7 for this sub-group was the highest in the past twelve months. Weakness in meats was mainly responsible for lowering the index for Animal Products from 75.3 to 75.1 as small increases were shown by fish, hides, livestock, butter and eggs. Textiles mounted from 66.7 to 66.9 because of advances in raw cotton, raw silk and raw wool, while increased prices for Maritime spruce raised the index for Wood Products from 77.0 to 77.1. Non-Ferrous Metals were active and the index rose from 71.3 to 72.0 as gains occurred in copper, lead and zinc. The copper index at 77.0 made a high for the year, although still 8.0 points below the corresponding week of last year. Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 98.2, 86.9 and 79.4 respectively:

Canadian Farm Products fell from 63.7 to 63.5. Field Products decreased from 53.8 to 53.4 due largely to weakness in grains while Animal Products rose from 80.2 to 80.5 as increases in livestock, hides, eggs and wool outweighed a small reduction in milk.

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INDEX	Index 567 Commodities NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED DING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATER			84.8		74.5		74.4		74.5		74.2
I.	Vegetable Products		135	87.2		61.5		61.6		62.1		60.9
II.	Animals and Their Products Fibres, Textiles and Textile		76	81.4		76.5		75.8		75.3	1	75.1
777	Products		85	71.1		66.7		66.7	-1	66.7		166.9
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper		49	77.0		77.2		77.0		77.0		77.1
V.	Iron and Its Products Non-Ferrous Metals and Their		44	105.4		97.9		98.2		98.2		98.2
VII.	Products	•	18	78.2		71.2		70.7		71.3		72.0
	Products		83	87.2		87.0		87.0		86.9		86.9
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	•	77	81.7		79.4		79.4		79.4		79.4
CANAD	IAN FARM PRODUCTS		70	86.6		63.9		63.4		63.7		63.5



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