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

Wholesale commodity prices were slightly firmer in the week ending October 14 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index stood at 74.3 as compared with 74.2 for the week ending October 7. Grains were buoyant, and non-ferrous metals responded to increased armament programmes together with improved demand as depleted inventories were replenished. Livestock and meats were among the more important commodities to show weakness.

Vegetable Products rose from 60.9 to 61.2. Grains, raw rubber and raw sugar moved higher while vegetable oils declined. The grain index at 44.2 was 1.4 points above the year's low of 42.8 for the week ending September 9, and 46.1 points below the index for the corresponding week of 1937. Animal Products fell from 75.1 to 74.9 as decreases in livestock, meats and lard outweighed advances in hides, butter and eggs. Production of eggs in the better grades has fallen rapidly of late and the egg index has risen from 65.6 to 81.0 in the past two months. A reduction in cotton duck more than offset small increases in raw cotton and raw silk to lower the index for Textiles from 66.9 to 66.7, while general strength in non-ferrous metals raised the index for that group from 72.0 to 73.6. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 77.1, 98.2, 86.9 and 79.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 63.5 to 63.9. Field Products rose from 53.4 to 53.7 mainly because of strength in grains, while Animal Products advanced from 80.5 to 81.1 as increases in hides, milk and eggs proved of more consequence than a reduction in livestock.

	: No. of :	1937		1938			
		: Price :	Oct.	Sept.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.
		: Series :	15	23	30	7	14
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	84.7	74.4	74.5	74.2	74.3	
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products	135	87.0	61.6	62.1	60.9	61.2	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	81.7	75.8	75.3	75.1	74.9	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.0	66.7	66.7	66.9	66.7	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	76.8	77.0	77.0	77.1	77.1	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	105.4	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	77.5	70.7	71.3	72.0	73.6	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.2	87.0	86.9	86.9	86.9	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ..	77	81.6	79.4	79.4	79.4	79.4	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	85.9	63.4	63.7	63.5	63.9	

