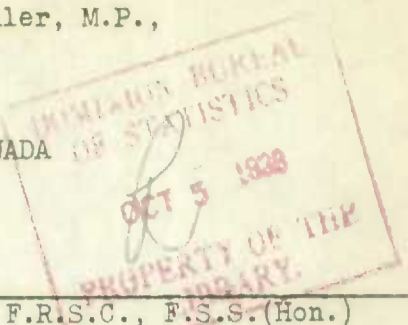


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics weekly index of wholesale commodity prices moved from 74.4 for the week ending September 23 to 74.5 for the week ending September 30. Commodity markets were responsive, in varying degree, to the changing international outlook and the week concluded with gains registered for Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals and losses shown for Animal Products and Non-Metallic Minerals.

Vegetable Products rose from 61.6 to 62.1. Grains and raw coffee were firm while vegetable oils and raw rubber weakened. The daily closing quotations for wheat averaged higher for the week although the final price showed a net decline, the closing quotation on the 30th for Manitoba No.3 Northern being approximately 3¢ below that of the previous Friday. Animal Products fell from 75.8 to 75.3 when reductions in fresh meats, milk, butter and eggs outweighed advances in hides, livestock and lard. Increases by the more important non-ferrous metals raised the index for this group from 70.7 to 71.3 while a slight decrease in brick changed the index for Non-Metallic Minerals from 87.0 to 86.9. Textiles, Wood, Iron and Chemicals remained at 66.7, 77.0, 98.2 and 79.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 63.4 to 63.7. Field Products rose from 53.4 to 53.8, largely because of strength in grains, while Animal Products continued at 80.2 when increases in livestock and hides offset reductions in poultry and milk.

	No. of	1937	1938			
	Price	Oct.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
	Series	1	9	16	23	30
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	85.2	74.0	74.5	74.4	74.5
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	88.4	60.5	61.5	61.6	62.1
II. Animals and Their Products	76	81.4	75.8	76.5	75.8	75.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.2	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.0	77.1	77.2	77.0	77.0
V. Iron and Its Products	44	105.4	97.9	97.9	98.2	98.2
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	79.3	70.2	71.2	70.7	71.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.2	86.7	87.0	87.0	86.9
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.7	79.3	79.4	79.4	79.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	88.0	63.0	63.9	63.4	63.7

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