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

Except for a restricted list, price changes on wholesale commodity markets were of a minor character, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index moved 0.1 point lower to 73.5 for the week ending November 11. Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals made fractional gains, while Animal Products and Chemicals were slightly weaker.

Vegetable Products remained at 59.6 when advances in vegetable oils, raw rubber, raw sugar and coffee offset declines in milled products and potatoes. The grain index at 41.7 was unchanged as small increases in flax, rye and oats were counterbalanced by reductions in wheat and barley. Animal Products fell from 73.9 to 73.6. Hides, fresh meats and eggs were firm, while fish, livestock, cured meats, butter and cheese sold lower. Exports of livestock were not quite as heavy as for the previous week. Quotations for fat steers declined but bids on hogs, calves and lambs were slightly better, on the average. Textiles rose from 66.4 to 66.5, when an increase in raw cotton outweighed depreciation in raw silk and worsted cloth yarns. Better demand for copper, lead, tin and zinc bolstered prices for these commodities and Non-Ferrous Metals advanced from 72.9 to 73.3. Chemicals eased from 79.5 to 79.4, largely because of a decline in glycerine. Wood, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals were unchanged at 77.2, 98.1 and 86.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 64.1 to 64.3. Field Products rose from 53.7 to 53.9, when increases for oats, rye, and flax (combined with the pegged prices for wheat) produced a minor increase despite reductions for barley and potatoes. Animal Products continued at 81.6 when a decrease in livestock was nullified by advances in hides and eggs.

	:No. of	: 1937 :		: 1938		
		: Price	: Series	: Nov. :	: Oct. :	: Nov. :
		: 12	: 21	: 28	: 4	: 11
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	83.5	74.0	73.9	73.6	73.5
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	84.8	60.7	60.4	59.6	59.6
II. Animals and Their Products	76	80.5	74.3	74.1	73.9	73.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	70.3	66.4	66.6	66.4	66.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.3	77.2	77.2	77.2	77.2
V. Iron and Its Products	44	105.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	74.5	73.2	73.8	72.9	73.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	86.5	86.3	86.4	86.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.7	79.4	79.5	79.5	79.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	83.8	63.7	63.8	64.1	64.3



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