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

During the past four weeks, wholesale commodity prices have been relatively stable and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index has moved narrowly from 73.6 to 73.5. In the week ending November 25 it fell 0.1 to 73.5 as reductions, mostly of a minor character, predominated. Eggs dropped sharply when increased receipts in the better grades crowded decreasing consumption, while the continued decline in sterling was credited with influencing prices on some of the primary markets.

Vegetable Products dipped from 60.4 to 60.1. Potatoes were slightly firmer but reductions occurred in grains, flour and milled products, raw rubber, raw sugar, raw cocoa and coffee. Animal Products slipped from 73.4 to 73.3 as increases in livestock and fresh meats failed to offset declines in fish, hides, cheese, lard and eggs. The prices paid for hides were somewhat higher than in the corresponding week of last year as indicated by a 1937 index of 89.8 compared to the current level of 79.3. Recessions in raw cotton, raw silk and worsted cloth yarns reduced the index for Textiles from 66.5 to 66.4, while Wood Products fell from 76.7 to 76.4 largely because of weakness in pulp, spruce, maple and birch. Lower quotations for copper, lead, tin and zinc depressed the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 72.5 to 72.3, but Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 88.2, 86.3 and 79.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 64.5 to 64.4. Field Products decreased from 53.9 to 53.8 when advances in potatoes and hay proved of less consequence than reductions in grains, tobacco, and onions. Animal Products dropped from 82.3 to 82.1 when declines in eggs and hides outweighed an increase in livestock.

	No. of	1938				
		1937	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.
	Price					
	Series	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.
		26	4	11	18	25
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	82.6	73.6	73.5	73.6	73.5
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	83.6	59.6	59.6	60.4	60.1
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.9	73.9	73.6	73.4	73.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products..	85	69.1	66.4	66.5	66.5	66.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.0	77.2	77.2	76.7	76.4
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.2	98.1	98.1	98.2	98.2
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products..	18	72.3	72.9	73.3	72.5	72.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.2	86.4	86.4	86.3	86.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.3	79.5	79.4	79.4	79.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	82.3	64.1	64.3	64.5	64.4

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