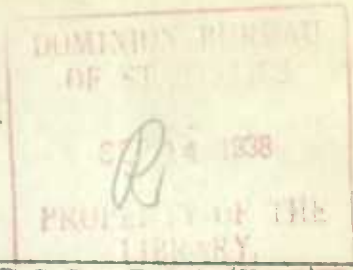


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938  
(1925=100)

The decline in wholesale commodity prices continued during the week ending September 9 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index fell to 74.0 from 74.6 for the preceding week. Advances were more numerous in Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals while reductions predominated in Vegetable Products and Textiles.

Vegetable Products dropped from 62.5 to 60.5. Potatoes sold moderately higher but grains, flour, vegetable oils and raw rubber moved down. The potato index at 30.8 was the same as for the corresponding week of last year. Animal Products rose from 75.7 to 75.8 as increases in hides, cured meats, butter and eggs outweighed declines in livestock and fresh meats. Weakness in raw cotton and raw wool decreased the Textile index from 66.8 to 66.7 while Non-Ferrous Metals mounted from 69.8 to 70.2 when a decline in tin failed to offset advances in copper and lead. Lead prices strengthened following the formation in London of the Lead Producers Association for the announced purpose of controlling production and stabilizing prices. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 77.1, 97.9, 86.7 and 79.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products eased from 63.1 to 63.0. Field Products fell from 53.3 to 53.0 largely because of the decrease in grains while Animal Products rose from 79.4 to 79.8 as increases in hides and eggs proved of more importance than reductions in livestock and wool.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1937 :		1938		
		: Sept. : 10	: Aug. : 19	: Aug. : 26	: Sept. : 2	: Sept. : 9
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	84.6	75.8	75.1	74.6	74.0
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	85.2	66.1	64.3	62.5	60.5
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	80.5	76.2	75.6	75.7	75.8
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	73.1	67.1	67.0	66.8	66.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	77.8	77.3	77.1	77.1	77.1
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	104.8	98.0	98.0	97.9	97.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	84.8	69.4	70.0	69.8	70.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	87.1	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	81.7	79.3	79.3	79.3	79.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	82.6	63.8	63.2	63.1	63.0

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