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

Wholesale commodity prices moved still lower in the week ending September 2 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index fell to 74.6 from 75.1 for the preceding week. Recessions predominated in Vegetable Products, Textiles, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals while a minor advance was made by the Animal group.

Vegetable Products dropped from 64.3 to 62.5 as lower prices obtained for grains, flour, milled products, raw rubber, coffee and potatoes. Sales of wheat for export were small although prices were approximately 50 p.c. below those of a year ago. Friday's cash close for Manitoba No.3 Northern was 57 7/8 cents, as compared with \$1.19 1/4 on the same day of last year. Animal Products rose from 75.6 to 75.7. Hides, fresh meats, milk, butter and eggs advanced while livestock, cured meats and lard declined. Movements in the livestock division were mixed. Beef failed to hold at earlier levels but calves, hogs and lambs moved up. Lower prices for raw cotton and serge cloth carried the Textile index from 67.0 to 66.8, while Iron eased from 98.0 to 97.9 on a revision in hardware. Increased uneasiness on world markets affected the Non-Ferrous group and the index fell from 70.0 to 69.8 as weakness developed in copper, lead and tin. Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 77.1, 86.7 and 79.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 63.2 to 63.1. Field Products dropped from 53.7 to 53.3 due to declines in grains and potatoes, while Animal Products rose from 79.2 to 79.4 when advances in hides, milk and eggs outweighed a decrease in livestock.

	No. of	1937		1938		
	Price	Sept.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Sept.
	Series	3	12	19	26	2
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	84.6	76.6	75.8	75.1	74.6
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	84.8	69.1	66.1	64.3	62.5
II. Animals and Their Products	76	81.1	76.2	76.2	75.6	75.7
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	73.3	67.0	67.1	67.0	66.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.8	76.6	77.3	77.1	77.1
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.8	97.7	98.0	98.0	97.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	84.4	70.3	69.4	70.0	69.8
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	86.6	86.7	86.7	86.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.7	79.4	79.3	79.3	79.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	81.8	64.8	63.8	63.2	63.1

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