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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

A report by Mr. R. H. Coats, one of the members of the Board, prepared as an exhibit of the Statistical Branch of the Department of Labour, is transmitted herewith—together with two memoranda on the subjects of "Fish" and "Dairying" respectively.

The above, while containing materials transmitted with our former report as Appendices Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, also contains new matter.

It is suggested that these materials be printed as Volume II of the report.

Mr. R. H. Coats, one of the members, has not signed the former report. His views on the subject of the inquiry, however, appear in Volume II.

Respectfully submitted,

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PREFACE TO VOLUME II.

By R. H. COATS, member of the Board of Inquiry into the Cost of Living.

Prices of particular commodities rise and fall to a considerable degree with tendencies that are nation-wide and even world-wide in their application. It is difficult to ascertain with clearness and finality what are the more important factors affecting the prices of a particular commodity by an investigation beginning and ending with the commodity itself; in the first instance an analysis of economic conditions in general and in the mass is expedient in order that the price movements of particular articles may be viewed in their proper setting,—in order that the forest may not be obscured by the trees. In prosecuting an inquiry into the cost of living, therefore, two purposes are commonly held in view: (1) a comprehensive survey of the kind described in order to provide a background for the interpretation of particular prices; (2) a more intensive investigation of the conditions surrounding the production, distribution and consumption of the common necessities.

(1) An "Exhibit" representing an attempt to carry out the first of the above tasks, prepared under my direction in the Department of Labour, is submitted herewith. Its scope and method are explained in detail in the "Introduction." As the Order in Council appointing the Board directed that the enquiry should cover (a) the facts, and (b) the causes of the rise in prices, the Exhibit proper falls into two parts. A summary of conclusions is given in Part III. Broadly, the rise in Canadian prices is shown as an integral part of the great expansion through which the country passed in the period 1900-1913, and the form which that expansion assumed.—the opening of the West as a feeder to the world cereal market and consequent attraction of local energy from the supplying of local food needs, etc., into railway building, municipal growth and industrialism,—the whole being induced by the buoyancy of world credits which produced relatively similar price movements in certain other countries. A synopsis of the "Exhibit" is issued separately.

(2) As suggestive of the lines intensive treatment might follow, two memoranda dealing with "Fish" and "Dairy Products" respectively are submitted. With the completion of similar memoranda on meats and breadstuffs, it will be possible to review in the section of the field which is most important from a cost of living standpoint, the incidence of the tendencies making for high prices revealed in the wider investigation.

**THE RISE IN PRICES AND THE COST
OF LIVING IN CANADA,
1900 - 1914.**

**A STATISTICAL EXAMINATION OF
ECONOMIC CAUSES**

**(Prices of Commodities, Wholesale and Retail; Prices of Services; Rents;
Wages; Prices of Securities; Interest; Monetary Conditions;
Capital; Labour; Production; Distribution;
the Standard of Living.)**

**EXHIBIT BY THE STATISTICAL BRANCH,
DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR**

**PREPARED UNDER DIRECTION OF B. H. COATS, MEMBER OF THE BOARD
OF INQUIRY.**

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COST OF LIVING, 1915.**

PREFATORY NOTE.

The preparation of the following memorandum was begun in May, 1914. The outbreak of the war by increasing other duties in the branch interrupted its progress during August and the early Autumn months.

The statistics of prices of commodities and rents were compiled under the direction of Mr. C. W. Bolton, those of wages by Mr. F. W. Giddens and those of the section dealing with general economic conditions by Mr. Bryce M. Stewart of this staff.

R. H. COATS,
Chief.

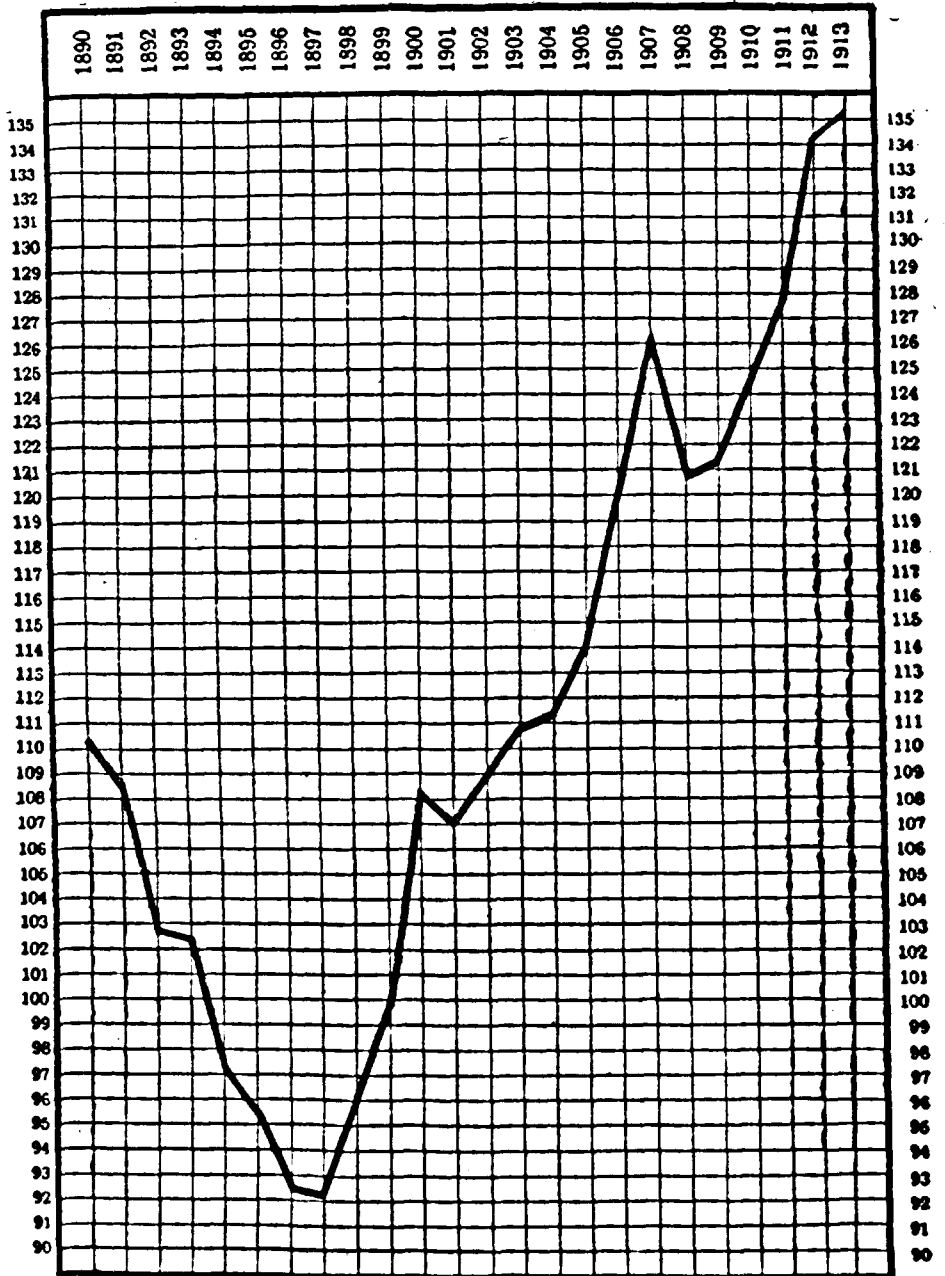
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DIAGRAM SHOWING THE COURSE OF PRICES IN CANADA,
1890-1913.

THE COURSE OF PRICES IN CANADA DURING THE TWENTY-THREE YEARS 1890-1913 (inclusive).

Number of Commodities: 272.

Average Prices, 1890-1899=100.



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THE RISE IN PRICES

AND THE

COST OF LIVING IN CANADA, 1900-1914

INTRODUCTION.

At the outset of any inquiry into a subject so many-sided as the present, it is essential to define its scope, that is, to discuss the precise meaning to be attached to the term "cost of living," otherwise its very familiarity may prove a pit-fall, where so much depends upon clearness and accuracy of expression.

"The Cost of Living."

Broadly, the "cost of living" means the sum of the exertions and sacrifices (the "efforts" and "waitings" of the economist) necessary to maintain life;* and a "change in the cost of living" means (in the same broad way) any variation in the degree of effort by which a livelihood is gained. Inasmuch as the common measure of such "exertions and sacrifices" is money, the "cost of living" in the usual acceptance means the amount of money paid out for subsistence, and a "change in the cost of living" means any variation in the volume of such payments.

Factors in the Cost of Living.

Thus the first obvious factor in Cost of Living is Price—the rate at which subsistence may be purchased. But clearly Price is not the only factor. If the amount of money coming into possession of the individual is adjusted simultaneously with any change through price in the amount going out, then there has been no real change in conditions—no change at any rate constituting a problem on the score of alteration in "real" Cost of Living.† The problem arises where correspondence of this kind is lacking—where the one has lagged behind the other or taken a contrary direction.

Earnings in turn depend on more than one consideration. They depend on rates of remuneration, or wages. But quite as much they depend on the volume of employment, or the extent to which the services of the earner are requisitioned.

Still another factor is the "standard of living". If individuals or communities from time to time change their manner of living to a higher or lower plane, this again will enter in the most intimate way into the cost of living.

*See Report of the Royal Commission on the Cost of Living in New Zealand, 1912, pages x-xi.

†"The problem of the cost of living in its completeness is a problem of the purchasing power of incomes, and the purchasing power of any income is dependent on two factors of which the purchasing power of the dollar is only one; the other is the number of dollars in that income." Irving Fisher, "Why is the Dollar Shrinking?"

Thus, from a broad point of view, the "cost of living" involves the whole gamut of relationships between incomes and spendings. The investigation of it must take count not only of the factors just mentioned but of their relations and influences *inter se*; for they are not separate and isolated phenomena, but are bound up inextricably with each other, and constitute little less than the entire economic activity of the community.

Significance of "High" and "Low" Prices.

This breadth of outlook is especially necessary in approaching the subject of prices, with which cost of living studies begin, and especially "high" and "low" prices. It is apparent that to estimate "real" cost of living in terms of price alone is to proceed upon too narrow premises. Yet no practice is more common. High prices are usually mentioned as synonymous with difficulty in obtaining the means of living, low prices as synonymous with ease in the same process. But, by the verdict of history, the very reverse is oftener the case. High prices usually, though not invariably, prevail when trade is active and opportunities for employment at good wages are numerous; low prices when trade is dull, employment unsteady, and wages low or falling. Low prices, it is true, enable commodities and services to be bought for little; but that little *may* at such a time be exceedingly difficult to acquire. A prolonged depression in prices is almost invariably a concomitant of business inertia, leading often to widespread social disturbance and even to political revolution.* On the other hand, a rise in general prices, though it makes living dear, has ordinarily the effect of stimulating hopefulness and energy in the business world and thus of making earnings even more than proportionately plentiful. Credit, on which the whole structure of trade is built, expands. It becomes the turn of the debtor class, a term which includes the employer, (the keystone of the modern industrial arch). The great wage-earning class, though it may find difficulty for a time in obtaining its share, and may express its discontent in strikes involving losses both to itself and the community, gains in the long run from the increase in production,—the only source from which a general gain is possible. Certain others are losers: holders of bonds and long-time securities; savings bank depositors on stable rates of interest; those whose salaries are fixed by law (civil servants, the beneficiaries of pension funds, etc.); those paid by tolls or fees established by custom (though these will profit by an increase in trade). There is always, of course, the serious danger that the "good times" may discourage economies and improvements, and that under their influence buoyancy may be fanned into non-productive speculation, when the high prices will represent fictitious values and be wholly evil. Moreover, a check to activity when prices are high causes suffering of an especially acute kind, the diminution in purchasing ability coming at a time when the severest demands are being made upon it. The matter is one on which no final generalization is possible; nor is it to be assumed that the general price level in itself is a barometer of welfare; but it would appear upon the whole that, reckoning the losses with the gains, a rise in prices, provided it be distributed, and is neither sudden nor extreme, tends to be beneficial in its influence, and thus to lessen the real problem of winning a livelihood, while a decline tends to the opposite. (See Note A., p. 9, *Significance of Variations in the Price Level*.)

*According to Sir Archibald Alison, "the two greatest events which have occurred in the history of mankind" have been directly caused, the one by low and the other by high prices. These events were the fall of the Roman Empire, which, according to Sir Archibald, "was in reality brought about by a decline in the gold and silver mines of Spain and Greece," and the Renaissance, which he ascribes to the discovery of the mines of Mexico and Peru. The depressions of the 1840's and the 1890's, with their accompanying unrest, (both periods of extremely low prices) are within easy memory. (Cf. Nicholson, *Money*, p. 61).

The reason for the narrow interpretation attached to the phrase "cost of living" is, of course, on the surface. In times of falling prices, the agencies operating most visibly are "bad times", "depression of trade", etc., frequently ascribed to "over-production". When, however, in times of high prices any failure in earnings occurs, the factor that stands out is the large amount of money required to buy subsistence, and the point of attack becomes the "high cost of living".§

The Situation in 1913-14.

It is a situation of the latter kind which exists in 1913-14. Canada, and indeed the world, stands at the apex of a rise in prices that has been in progress almost continuously (occasional recessions being followed by recoveries and the attainment of still higher levels) for a decade and a half. At times within that period the rate of increase has been rapid beyond modern precedent. In this country, the final result has been an advance of approximately fifty per cent on the average, and of considerably more in the case of several of the most important articles of consumption—an advance that has revolutionized the terms in which the individual reckons his expenditures. On the other hand it has been a period of marked "prosperity," with all implied in the term in the way of expanding trade, buoyant public revenues, enhanced valuations, and abounding opportunities for profitable investment and employment. But though the adjustment of wages scales has been continuous, and Canada has been free from labour disturbances of the colossal kind that have occurred in England, the persistent nature of the rise has rendered such adjustments obsolescent almost as soon as made. Especially during the years 1910-11-12 has this been true. Finally, in 1913, after eighteen months of exceptional rapidity in the upward movement, a check to the price rise was administered by the prevailing financial stringency. But, while prices were on the whole but little higher in 1913 than in 1912—with foodstuffs and rents in many localities actually somewhat lower—complaints as to the high cost of living were much more prevalent in 1913-14, largely, no doubt, through the coincidence of unemployment with diminished earning capacity at a time when prices stood at the highest in a generation.*

Purpose and Scope of the Present Memorandum.

The foregoing analysis of the problems involved in "real" cost of living was thought necessary for the sake of clearness before defining the purpose and scope of this memorandum. Briefly, that purpose is to present in a broad way

§"The economists," says Tausig (*Quarterly Journal of Economics*, XXVII, 413). "speak of the 'rise in prices'; the general public speaks of the 'high cost of living'. It results from the fact that very different phenomena are had in mind by the two sets of persons. The economist is thinking and reasoning about . . . the general rise of prices. The man on the street is thinking about the exceptional rise in the prices of one important set of commodities. . . . The general rise is not unwelcome."

The two nevertheless are very apt to be related. Irving Fisher says (*American Economic Review*, Sept., 1912): "The phrase 'cost of living' . . . is usually taken as referring only to special groups of commodities, mostly foods, and only for the retail prices of these commodities. The general level of prices, on the other hand, means the level of all prices, whether retail, wholesale, jobbing, factory or farm prices, and of all commodities, whether of food, raw material, machinery, land, stocks, bonds, or any other goods whatsoever which are bought and sold. Now, the 'cost of living' will go up and down with the general level of prices and at the same time fluctuate from special causes of its own. . . . The statistics of the past indicate that the recent rise in the cost of living has been for the most part due to the general rise in prices of all kinds, and only to a small extent, if at all, to special causes applying to the retail price of foods." Without necessarily accepting the view of the last sentence, the necessity of considering the "cost of living" in its general price-setting is patent.

*The agitation to which the advance in the cost of living has given rise has taken on various forms. On the continent of Europe the general unrest has been marked by bread and meat riots in Austria, socialist victories in Germany, and popular demonstrations in France and Italy. In Great Britain, as noted, the strikes of labour have been on a scale unprecedented before. Outside of Europe the wave of discontent has passed from Tokio to Buenos Ayres. The Chinese Revolution was said to be largely due to the advance in rice. In the United States a significant development has been the formation of

the more important data bearing upon the great rise which has taken place in the prices of necessaries during the past fifteen years, (1) the facts and (2) the causes, this being the general plan suggested by the Order-in-Council appointing the Board of Inquiry.

Methods of Investigation.—There are two methods possible in investigating the cost of living problem which though by no means antagonistic,—being in fact complementary—yet involve a radically different initial approach. The first is the obvious one of seeking information in as full detail as possible with regard to the production, distribution, and consumption of the common necessaries in Canada, including foods, (meats, cereals, dairy products, fish, fruits, etc.), clothing, housing, and fuel.‡ What has been the increase in the price of important staple articles under each of these headings, and what are the circumstances immediately connected with the rise? Have supplies fallen off? Have demands increased? Have methods in connection with the production, distribution and consumption of each of these great staples changed? Direct and searching investigation of these and similar nearby and familiar phenomena is the method of treating the cost of living problem usually regarded as “practical”. Incidentally such investigation may be extended to reveal the workings of certain local factors whose influence is not confined to any one article or group of articles; “cross-sections” may as it were be taken to observe the operations of such phenomena as trusts and combines, the tariff, market policies, cold storage, etc.† It is, in brief, the method of proceeding from the particular to the general. The difficulty it presents in so vast a field is that, being intensive, it is necessarily limited, and is apt, therefore, to engender confusion—especially the confounding of cause with effect, as in the frequent explaining of one price by another. It may tend to prevent the forest being seen because of the trees.*

Housekeepers' Leagues in various cities. In Canada the movement for higher wages has been steadily in progress, being most active in 1903, 1907 and 1912; public meetings have been held in various localities for the discussion of the question; resolutions have been passed by public bodies; investigations held by Boards of Trade, etc. Everywhere has been continuous debate as to the causes of the change and the remedies available. A writer has compiled a list of eighty “causes” adduced in one country or another, “while in every country political parties in opposition have as usual attributed the rise to the actions of the parties in power.”—Layton (*Introduction to the Study of Prices*, p. 2). Governments have shown increased energy in prosecuting enquiries and publishing data, special reports on prices having been issued in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United States, and most of the countries of Europe. The “High Cost of Living” has been the subject of a special message to Congress by a President of the United States suggesting the calling of an International Conference on the subject. Massachusetts and New Zealand, like Canada, have appointed special commissions for the investigation of facts and causes.

‡By the “necessaries of life” are usually meant the universal needs of the mass of the people including the commoner luxuries or “conventional necessities.” Marshall (*Economics of Industry*, p. 60) distinguishes between “necessaries for existence” and “necessaries for efficiency,” defining the latter for a workingman in England as “a well-drained dwelling with several rooms, warm clothing, with some changes of under-clothing, pure water, a plentiful supply of cereal food, with a moderate allowance of meat and milk, and a little tea, &c., some education and some recreation, and lastly, sufficient freedom for his wife from other work to enable her to perform properly her maternal and her household duties.”

†Irving Fisher (*Why is the Dollar Shrinking?*, p. 191) continues the list: “Labour unions, shortened hours of labour, the middleman, longer hauls on railroads, marketing by telephone, the free delivery system, the individual package, the enforcement of sanitary laws, advertising, unscientific management, food adulteration, wars, armaments, extravagance, concentration of population in cities, impoverishment of the soil, the displacement of the neighbourhood farmer, and the high cost of land.”

*“The people who look to a microscopic study of each individual commodity in order to understand the general movement of all commodities cannot see the woods for the trees.”—Irving Fisher, *Why is the Dollar Shrinking?*, p. 190.

Mr. J. A. Hobson whose *Money, Prices and Wages* is frequently cited in the following pages as a leading English opponent of the gold theory and as attributing the rise in prices largely to conditions affecting the demand and supply of individual commodities, regards it a “hopeless task to endeavour to explain a rise or fall of general prices by a series of separate investigations into each several sorts of goods,” though he adds, “this admission cannot preclude the investigation of phenomena of a wider causality which affect the production and the prices of whole groups or classes of goods.” (pp. 94-97).

The second method is the opposite, that, namely, of proceeding from the general to the particular. It involves, of course, at the outset, the assembling of a large number of particular facts; but its first concern is to examine these not singly but in the mass, by broad analyses, for the discovery of general tendencies and the essential characteristics of the situation. Thus it would start in the present case with the broadest fact of all, namely, that the rise is not confined to any one country but is practically world-wide. From this extended view would emerge the second broad fact—that though the rise has been general it has been greater in some countries than in others. Where stands Canada in the list and what accounts for her place? Clearly, we shall have gone far towards providing a key to the situation if an answer to any purpose can be given to the question (1) What has been the world-rise in prices, and its causes? and (2) Wherein is the rise which has taken place in Canada peculiar in its nature and extent, and to what may we attribute this peculiarity?

It is to this broad treatment of the subject that the present memorandum is addressed, on the ground that a view of this kind is a necessary preliminary to any detailed investigation having to do with phenomena singly or locally, or to the framing of public policy for the alleviation of conditions.

Scope of Data Required.—A word must be added as to the scope of the data required to yield this point of view. First, as to prices—the “facts” of the inquiry: Prices of commodities at retail are, of course, those immediately connected with the cost of living. But they are not enough where the search is for broad and sometimes latent influences. Wholesale prices and those of the great primary markets are on account of their greater sensitiveness the barometer of these. However, a brief consideration will show that even the entire range of commodity prices—producers, jobbers, wholesale and retail—is too narrow. Data are needed covering the whole field or system of which commodity prices are only a part. That field includes—besides (a) prices of commodities,—(b) the prices of “services,” like transportation and medical attendance; (c) rents, the price paid for the use of land; (d) wages, the price of labour; (e) interest, the price of money loans; and (f) security prices, the price of enterprises as going concerns. The close relationship which exists between these makes it necessary to consider all when the purpose is to divine the true significance of changes in any one of them. §

§See Mitchell, *Business Cycles*, p. 27, on the System of Prices. Mitchell gives the following tabular survey to assist in obtaining a general view:

“Prices of consumers’ commodities charged by:

Retail dealers.
Wholesale dealers.
Manufacturers.

“Prices of producers’ goods:

Raw materials.
Current supplies.
Machinery.
Building, etc.
Leases.
Labour.
Bank loans.
Investment loans.
Transportation.
Insurance.
Advertising.

“Prices of business enterprises.

“Prices of services to persons.

He adds: “Behind the prices of each group entered in this classification stands an equally complex

The price system, then, represents the "facts" in the case. The search for causes leads to the consideration of a very wide field which may be roughly divided into two parts: (1) the phenomena connected with monetary conditions, and (2) the phenomena of the commercial and industrial world,—prices being to a degree the result of a balance between the money supply and goods. In these sections, as in the preceding, a wide view is first necessary in order to differentiate what has occurred in Canada from the general experience, and thus indicate the line which more detailed analysis of Canadian conditions should follow. (See Note B., p. 11, *Causes of Variations in Prices of Commodities.*)

Plan of Memorandum.

Though the above reveals the general plan according to which the data are presented, a further explanatory statement may be in place:

Part I. As above stated, the "facts" of the situation are dealt with in six sections:

(1) *Prices of Commodities.* Commodity prices in Canada are the natural starting point. In the first chapter a review of wholesale prices is given, the findings being based on continuous quotations for about 300 representative articles at one or more wholesale centres back to 1890. Index numbers for about twenty groups are given and various analyses are made. Retail prices are next taken up, (chapter II) the quotations covering 34 articles at over 50 localities scattered throughout the Dominion back to 1900, the articles including the more important staples of household consumption, and the localities being those having a population of 10,000 or over. Two addenda to this chapter deal respectively with prices of clothing and the comparison of wholesale and retail price trends in Canada. In the third and final chapter of this section are assembled the best known index numbers of prices in other countries including the United Kingdom; the United States; the following British Dominions, namely, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India; and other foreign countries, as follows: France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Russia, Japan, and Argentina. A feature of this chapter is a series of comparative index numbers for Canada and each of the countries, based on exactly the same commodities. A world index number of prices has also been constructed. With an analysis of the different manner in which certain groups have moved in different countries, a preliminary view is obtained of the circumstances underlying the rise, and the factors chiefly contributing to it.

(2) *Services.* In Section 2, statistics for Canada are assembled for the following services: water, lighting, gas, taxation, railway transportation, and medical attendance. Index numbers for each have been constructed.

(3) *Rents.* Business and workmen's rents in some 50 representative localities in Canada are treated; statistics for various foreign countries are added.

array of antecedent prices, and between the several groups exist inter-relations too intricate to be set forth in tabular form."

Nicholson points out: "A rise in the price of certain classes of things may have a much greater effect on general monetary conditions than a corresponding rise in other things, and conversely of a fall. A general rise in the price of labour will so far cause a greater demand for metallic money than would a corresponding rise in stock exchange securities. Similarly a drain to meet the expenses of an adverse balance of trade, due to over-importation or exceptional dearth, has in general a much greater effect on general prices than the receipt of a corresponding balance for excess of exports. The relations of general price levels in various countries are also dependent largely upon relative prices." *Principles of Political Economy*, Vol. III, pp. 61-2.

(4) *Wages.* The wages statistics have the two-fold purpose of showing to what extent earnings have kept pace with the rise in prices, and also to what extent their increase represents an added change in expenses of production. The chapter represents the first attempt to compile an index number of wages for Canada for the more important classes, ranging from agricultural labour, mining, through the skilled trades, inside and outside, to unskilled labour. The wages trends in the United Kingdom, the United States and other countries are indicated.

(5) *Security Prices.* The index numbers of Canadian Securities, including common stocks, preferred stocks, and bonds, are also new, and will be found a valuable barometer of Canadian conditions since 1900. The data include all listed securities for which a continuous record exists back to 1900. The British and American stock markets are covered, and the leading government securities of the world recorded in a chapter on the "Credit of Nations".

(6) *Interest.* The trend of interest is illustrated for both long time and short time loans, the former being represented by statistics of city and farm mortgages and earnings of bonds, and the latter by the call and market loan rates at the leading financial markets of the world, prices of bonds, etc.

Part II. "Causes" are dealt with as follows:

(1) *Monetary Conditions.* Data are here assembled for the study of the most abstruse of all economic problems—the quantity theory of prices. Prefaced to the data is a chapter stating the theory, outlying the main points of controversy, and reviewing the leading opinions that have been put forward in the past ten years with reference to the present price rise. This is followed by a chapter giving an historical sketch of prices from the earliest times to 1896, with the object of showing present conditions against the background of history. In the third chapter the monetary statistics of the world are given under the following headings: production of gold since 1492; gold stocks; absorption of gold in the arts, bank reserves, and currencies of various countries; international movements of gold; and the expansion of credit. This is followed in chapter IV by a more detailed analysis of the monetary and financial situation in Canada since 1900.

(2) In the second section of Part II a résumé is given of certain statistics which illustrate the more important economic developments in Canada of the past fifteen years. This largely takes the form of an analysis of Canadian progress against the world background. The method, broadly, is to regard the country as a "going concern," and to investigate the growth and distribution of its "working" capital since 1900 (chapter I) the growth and distribution of labour (chapter II), the returns therefrom in production (chapter III), the distribution problem (chapter IV), and the standard of living (chapter V)—all for the purpose of throwing light on the course that prices have taken.

Summary.—A closing section (Part III) brings the outstanding results of the investigation together and permits a general view of the "facts" and "causes," with particular reference to the stage now reached in the economic progress of the country.

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While the shortcomings of the treatment are recognized, it may be pointed out that time and means were both limited for so comprehensive a task, especially when it is remembered that on several not the least important phases it was necessary to create the statistics. The period in question is certainly the most remarkable through which the Dominion has passed: in some respects the most

remarkable through which any country has passed; and the incidents are numerous that require elucidation. On the other hand, the voluminous nature of the memorandum may be regretted, inasmuch as it is a matter of close personal interest to the public as well as to the trained observer, and so large an array of figures in certain parts wears a forbidding look. But it must be admitted that in a subject where almost every point is matter of acute controversy, it is essential to afford the means of private judgment and to supply the materials for interpretation even more scrupulously than to venture the interpretations themselves. In point of fact it was made a deliberate object to assemble all readily available data, as for instance in the section on Monetary Conditions, which have not previously appeared in Canada except in the publications of other countries. From this point of view it is their paucity rather than their abundance that is the defect. Those who have not the time to examine the matter closely may thus pass over Parts I and II, and proceed at once to the summary in Part III. A further feature, that of the self-contained nature of certain of the sections, has grown out of the desire to supply materials for the study of Canadian conditions; this will be overlooked when it is remembered that the subject of the cost of living is as many-sided and as involved as it is practically important.

NOTE.—The "Summary" of the findings of the Investigation will be found beginning at page 1031, and may be read here by those desiring a rapid presentation of the subject.

NOTES TO INTRODUCTION.

NOTE. A.—SIGNIFICANCE OF VARIATIONS IN THE PRICE LEVEL.

The significance of variations in the price level is a frequent theme of economists. It depends, of course, largely on what commodities are chiefly affected by the rise or fall. Jevons' eulogy of a buoyant movement is classic. "Putting out of sight individual cases of hardship," a rise in prices, he declares, has usually "a most powerfully beneficial effect." He goes on: "It loosens the country, as nothing else could, from its old bonds of debt and habit. It throws increased rewards before all who are making and acquiring wealth, somewhat at the expense of those who are enjoying acquired wealth. It excites the active and skilful classes of the community to new exertions, and is, to some extent, like a discharge from his debts, to the bankrupt long struggling against his burdens. All this is effected without a breach of national good faith, which nothing could compensate." (*Investigations in Currency and Finance*, p. 95.)

The rule, however, requires qualification. Marshall points out (Appendix to Final Report of Gold and Silver Commission, pp. 19-21) that the periods in England in which there has been the greatest distress,—during the later Tudors and the early years of the Nineteenth Century,—were, as it happened, times of high prices. He inclines to the view that high prices often cause the accompanying prosperity to appear greater than it really is. They offer a premium to incompetent business men and thus "sow the seeds of coming disaster." Similarly, low prices, though they may spell a fall in profits, need not imply general depression. (Cf. *Economics of Industry*, Book III, Chap. 1, for general discussion of the relations between prices and industrial activity.)

J. S. Nicholson similarly points out (*Principles*, Vol. III, 63) the need for analysis and interpretation: "Stability of value is no doubt desirable compared with instability, especially if that instability is due to the arbitrary influence of governments or to other causes which can be foreseen or allowed for. The instability of value may, however, in some cases be simply one of the signs of progress; as, for example, a rise of prices due to an expansion of credit and banking on a sound basis, or a fall in prices due to the expansion of trade, or to the development of new countries causing an increased demand for money relatively to the supply."

Sir David Barbour (*Influences of the Gold Supply*) observes: "A general fall in prices sets up stresses in the social fabric which search out the weak points in the structure. A general rise in prices smooths away many difficulties, but may create others. . . . It is difficult to exaggerate the profound and yet obscure influence that is exercised by changes in the general level of the prices of commodities."

The consensus of opinion is that though stable prices are desirable, slight variations conduce to healthy reactions in trade and industry; certainly it is an extreme view which regards every change as "mischievous where it is not calamitous." L. L. Price concludes (*Money and its Relation to Prices*, Chap. II): "On a broad general view of the circumstances, economic enquiry leads to the conclusion that a rise in prices is more likely than a fall to result in a balance of benefit to the whole community," though "the effect of changes in prices on the welfare of a community must be regarded as supplementary to rather than as superseding the action of other causes." (Cf. also Cairnes, *Essays*, pp. 152-6.)

Layton (*Introduction to the Study of Prices*, p. 15) presents the following interesting tabular analysis of income-receivers according to the effect produced by a rise of prices:—

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	Receivers of rents, profits, interest, etc.	Salaried and professional classes.	Wage-Earners.
Classes benefiting from a rise of prices.	A. Farmers, mine owners and all producers of commodities whose product rises in price faster than the cost of production, especially producers with fixed rent or interest charges, or manufacturers whose wages bill is an important item. Ordinary shareholders in such concerns.	D. Managers paid a commission on the profits of concerns included in group A.	G. Profit-sharers in concerns included in group A.
Classes to whom a rise of prices is a matter of indifference.	B. Producers whose expenses increase with the rise of prices, and whose profits, therefore also increase at the same rate.	E. Stockbrokers, auctioneers, and all persons paid by a commission on the value of goods dealt in (Such classes probably actually reap a benefit from an increased turnover.)	H. Wage-earners whose wages rise by a sliding scale, provided the basis of such scale moves with general prices. (N.B.—The basis in the iron and coal trades often moves more than general prices, and places this group among those who benefit.)
Classes harmfully affected by a rise of prices.	C. Landlords whose land is let on long lease. Holders of consols, mortgages, debentures, and other fixed interest securities. Producers who cannot charge increased prices but whose expenses increase with the rise of prices. For example railway companies, cab proprietors, and to a less extent, bus companies.	F. Lawyers and other professional classes whose incomes are fixed by custom. Civil servants whose income moves on a graded scale, such scales being very rarely altered.	I. All employees whose wages do not automatically follow general prices, those whose wages are most unalterable being most severely hit. This applies to railway servants, and all unorganised trades where wages are often on a customary basis. Cab-drivers, hair-dressers, and all whose wage depends on a standard price.

NOTE B.—CAUSES OF VARIATIONS IN COMMODITY PRICES.

Professor Irving Fisher, by way of outlining the field which must be covered in a search for the causes of a change in the price of a commodity, enumerates the various possible causes which might decrease the price of, say, pig-iron in New York as follows (*Elementary Principles of Economics*, Chap. XXII):

- I. A rise in the marginal desirability of money due either to
 - (A) A rise in the purchasing power of money through
 1. A decrease in money or deposit currency, or
 2. A decrease in their velocities, or
 3. An increase in the volume of trade; or to
 - (B) An impoverishment or reduction of incomes.
- II. A fall in the marginal desirability of pig-iron due either to
 - (A) An increase in the amount of pig-iron used, through
 1. Importation of pig-iron from other places where its price is lower than in New York, or
 2. Short sales of pig-iron for future delivery in expectation of a fall of price, thus releasing to present use such stocks as would otherwise be held over for the future, or
 3. A decrease in its cost by
 - (a) A saving of waste,
 - (b) A saving of labour,
 - (c) A decrease in the price of iron ore or other prices entering into its cost,
 - (d) An increase in the price of by-products, or
 4. A trade war; or to
 - (B) A fall in the marginal desirability of a given quantity of pig-iron, through
 1. A decrease in the price of iron products through a decrease in the marginal desirability of a satisfaction they yield, because of
 - (a) An increase in their amount,
 - (b) A change in fashion, etc., or
 2. An increase in substitutes for pig-iron, or
 3. A decrease in complementary articles, or
 4. An increase in the rate of interest whereby the value of pig-iron is obtained (by discounting the value of iron products) through an increase in the marginal rates of impatience,
 - (a) From a change in human nature,
 - (1) By decreasing foresight,
 - (2) By decreasing self-control,
 - (3) By increasing shiftless habits,
 - (4) By decreasing regard for posterity, or
 - (b) From a change in incomes,
 - (1) By shifting their distribution in time toward the future,
 - (2) By reducing their size,
 - (3) By increasing their uncertainties.

PART I.—THE FACTS.

- (1) PRICES OF COMMODITIES.
- (2) PRICES OF SERVICES.
- (3) RENTS.
- (4) WAGES.
- (5) PRICES OF SECURITIES—STOCKS AND BONDS.
- (6) INTEREST.

PART I, SECTION (1), PRICES OF COMMODITIES.

INTRODUCTORY.

CHAPTER I. WHOLESALE PRICES, CANADA, 1890-1913.

CHAPTER II, RETAIL PRICES, CANADA, 1900-1913.

NOTE I. CLOTHING.

NOTE II. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, PRICES, CANADA, 1900-1913, COMPARED.

CHAPTER III, PRICES, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IN OTHER COUN- TRIES, 1900-1913.

- (a) United Kingdom.
- (b) United States.
- (c) Other British Dominions—Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa.
- (d) Other Foreign Countries—Austria-Hungary, Argentina, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Japan, Norway, Russia, Spain.

SECTION (1)—PRICES OF COMMODITIES.

INTRODUCTORY.

The purpose of the present section is to review the rise in commodity prices which has occurred during the past few years, noting its extent in Canada and elsewhere, ascertaining the articles and groups of articles and the kinds of prices which have been chiefly affected, and generally presenting data on significant aspects of the situation.

In the passage of goods from producer to consumer, at least two middlemen as a rule intervene,—the wholesaler, who assembles the goods in a large way from the producer, and the retailer, who breaks up these lots to suit the needs of the individual consumer.*

Wholesale and retail prices are quite different phenomena from an economic point of view. The prices quoted for large quantities usually dominate wide areas: the price of Canadian Western grain, for instance, is fixed at Fort William for the whole of Canada and is governed by Liverpool; retail prices may change from place to place and even from dealer to dealer. Wholesale prices are much the more sensitive, and sometimes fluctuate violently with changes in market sentiment: they are thus valuable as a barometer of industrial and commercial conditions; while retail prices, though they follow wholesale in the long run, move slowly, the retailer being a huffer who absorbs the more violent shocks of the market and sometimes prevents the lesser changes from reaching the consumer at all. Again, an investigation into wholesale prices usually covers a comparatively large number of commodities, (raw materials as well as finished products) each being quoted at one dominant market; whereas in the case of retail prices, a list of twenty-five or thirty articles can be made to represent three-quarters of the expenditures of the average family, and the quotations must be sought at a number of places in order to reflect local conditions. Retail prices are therefore preferable when the object is to measure the cost of living, inasmuch as they represent the price paid by the consumer to the ultimate middleman. At the same time, the accessibility and reliability of wholesale price statistics renders them the medium usually chosen for this purpose; and it is the case that changes even in raw materials and articles which seldom or never appear in domestic budgets, if sufficiently important and long continued, reappear therein in one form or other—wheat in bread, lumber in rentals, wool in clothing, etc.—and are thus of importance from a cost of living standpoint.

*The method, of course, varies in different branches of trade,—there being more middlemen in some and less or none in others,—and according to circumstances. The two main kinds of prices, however, are those fixed by the first middlemen, or wholesaler, and those fixed by the second middleman or retailer. Producers' and jobbers' prices are here included with wholesalers'.

"The retail price of a commodity is influenced by, and is nearly the sum of, the wholesale price, the cost of transporting the goods from the market, warehouse, or ship, merchants' and brokers' commissions, manufacturing, more transport commissions, costs and profits of retailing and delivery, interest on the capital employed in carrying the goods from the time of wholesale purchase to the time of payment by the consumer, and (in some cases) government tax."—A. L. Bowley, *The Economic Journal*, XXIII, 514.

A word of explanation is necessary as to the method here employed in analyzing and interpreting price statistics. This is the well-known method of index numbers. An index number is a device for showing the combined or final effect of several price changes. The nature and extent of a change in the price of a single commodity may be seen at a glance by the inspection of the actual price quotations. Suppose, however, the price of Ontario wheat advances within a given period, say, ten cents a bushel, while the price of New Brunswick spruce lumber declines during the same period, say, three dollars a thousand feet—how may the net result of the two changes be expressed? The answer is, by reducing the actual quotation in each case to the form of a percentage of the price during a common standard period, (i.e., translating the quotations into the terms of a common denominator) in which form they may be combined. This, in effect, is the method of index numbers. An index number of any article or number of articles at any date is the percentage which the price of that article or number of articles at that date is of the price of the same article or articles at some other date or period selected as a standard.*

*For example: Mr. Sauerbeck's index number for English wheat for the year 1855 is 137, and for the year 1885, 60. The base period used by Mr. Sauerbeck is the eleven years 1867-1877. The meaning of these index numbers is, therefore, that in 1855 English wheat was 37 per cent above the average price which prevailed during 1867-1877, and that in 1885 it was 40 per cent below that average price. The actual prices of English wheat per quarter quoted by Mr. Sauerbeck in this connection are:—

	s.	d.
Average, 1867-1877	54	9
" 1855.....	74	8
" 1885.....	32	10

Though the term index number is occasionally employed, as above by Mr. Sauerbeck, to denote the relative price of a single article, it more frequently implies a combination of such percentages, whereby a general judgment may be obtained as to whether on the whole prices have risen or fallen. It was, in point of fact, as above stated, because of its potentialities for combination, that the index number as an expression of prices was devised.

CHAPTER I.—WHOLESALE PRICES, CANADA, 1890-1913.

The statistics on the course of wholesale prices in Canada are those of the Department of Labour. In 1909 a special report on wholesale prices since 1890 was issued, and the statistics have been brought up to date in a series of annual reports.*

Scope of Inquiry.

The general purpose being to present a result as representative as possible of cost of living and of the industrial and commercial life of Canada, as many of the main staple articles of Canadian production and consumption were included as was thought consistent with the avoidance of duplication, and the preservation of proportion between the different sections of the field.‡ Manufactured articles as well as raw materials appear, though specialized lines are avoided.† On the whole the list is a comprehensive one, including 272 articles, a much larger number than in the great majority of similar investigations.

For each of the commodities a monthly or weekly‡ quotation has been obtained on the same basis from a reliable source in a primary or representative wholesale market for each year back to 1890. These statistics are too voluminous for reproduction, and the reader is referred for them to the several reports already mentioned. It has been thought, however, that a table setting forth the average yearly price of each commodity would be valuable for purposes of reference; a compilation on this basis has accordingly been made and will be found at the close of this chapter. By referring to the table the full list of the commodities which constitute the basis of the following generalizations may be noted.

General Result.

The final result of the investigation is perhaps most clearly shown by the diagram which forms the frontispiece of the present volume. The line in the diagram indicates the course which the averaged prices of all the commodities (272) followed from 1890 to 1913 inclusive. In conjunction

*Wholesale Prices, Canada, 1890-1909, Special Report by R. H. Coats. Published by authority of the Hon. the Minister of Labour, pp. 509; Wholesale Prices, Canada, 1910, pp. 134; ditto, 1911, pp. 223; ditto, 1912, pp. 255; ditto, 1913, pp. 288.

‡The groups under which the articles are classified follow:

- I. Grains and fodder.
- II. Animals and meats.
- III. Fish.
- IV. Dairy produce.
- V. Miscellaneous foods (fruits and vegetables, tea, coffee, sugar and miscellaneous groceries.)
- VI. Textiles (including woollens, cottons, silks, linens and jutes.
- VII. Hides, leathers, boots and shoes.
- VIII. Metals and implements.
- IX. Fuel and lighting.
- X. Building material, (lumber, bricks, cement, paints, &c.)
- XI. House furnishings.
- XII. Drugs and chemicals.
- XIII. Miscellaneous, (furs, liquors, tobacco, and sundries.)

†The effect of tendencies incidental to the manufacturing process are present in about 40 per cent of the quotations.

‡Articles subject to rapid fluctuations, (grains, animals, meats, dairy produce, fruits, vegetables, etc.), forty-three in number, are quoted weekly.

TABLE SHOWING INDEX NUMBERS OF ALL COMMODITIES BY GROUPS, 1890-1913.

Average Prices 1890-1899 = 100.

	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
1. Grains and fodder (15).....	116.7	123.9	106.7	99.1	94.3	98.8	85.2	80.6	98.8	96.7	99.9	107.3	116.1	106.5	115.5	116.4	118.5	140.2	148.3	149.9	140.7	148.4	167.3	136.8
2. Animals and meats (17)....	111.2	104.7	108.5	117.7	98.7	92.2	82.4	90.4	97.9	95.1	103.4	111.3	122.2	117.9	111.3	120.7	130.1	133.8	129.6	148.6	163.6	146.6	160.8	180.8
3. Dairy produce (9).....	103.0	106.2	105.8	110.4	104.6	94.8	90.1	90.1	92.9	101.4	109.0	120.5	106.9	108.9	107.2	115.1	120.2	131.5	136.3	133.6	135.7	136.2	159.0	154.7
4. Fish (10).....	103.3	97.3	90.6	99.7	96.4	101.4	102.6	98.6	99.6	110.0	108.4	113.2	110.2	116.2	119.5	115.7	121.8	129.5	120.5	134.0	145.1	143.6	155.7	158.0
5. Other foods (49).....	120.3	121.3	104.7	102.1	95.0	95.2	87.1	86.0	94.3	93.6	96.4	98.6	98.4	98.1	101.8	100.7	103.1	112.5	110.3	107.6	111.3	118.7	126.0	117.4
6. Textiles (20).....	111.4	104.2	102.2	101.2	97.3	93.6	96.9	98.0	95.2	99.8	100.0	103.6	101.0	105.9	110.4	114.6	123.4	126.1	111.0	108.3	114.6	119.2	120.7	130.8
7. Hides, leather, boots (11)...	100.6	102.6	99.8	101.8	89.9	98.6	92.9	100.1	105.0	109.4	113.8	112.8	118.2	115.7	113.6	119.6	128.1	125.5	120.0	135.4	135.4	139.6	152.4	163.9
8. Metals and implements—																								
(a) Metals (24).....	125.4	114.4	107.6	102.1	91.1	87.0	87.5	85.7	87.6	111.9	121.2	110.4	102.8	105.5	99.7	108.4	128.6	134.8	106.3	101.9	97.6	108.3	117.4	119.1
(b) Implements (10)....	103.8	103.2	102.9	102.6	102.2	101.0	98.5	93.1	94.3	98.0	100.1	102.2	104.7	105.7	106.2	106.1	106.0	107.1	104.2	102.4	104.5	104.5	104.7	105.6
9. Fuel and lighting (10).....	107.4	106.7	106.6	102.9	97.5	97.0	98.9	96.4	93.5	96.9	100.8	98.1	104.9	111.0	103.0	104.1	106.4	108.8	102.2	103.8	103.0	100.5	113.3	118.2
10. Building materials—																								
(a) Lumber (14).....	103.5	102.7	104.4	103.7	104.6	102.8	97.1	93.9	90.8	95.8	114.0	114.6	122.0	128.8	131.3	134.1	152.7	165.2	162.6	154.6	158.5	165.4	166.5	181.3
(b) Miscellaneous (20)...	117.6	110.4	106.8	103.7	98.7	95.2	93.9	87.7	87.4	97.2	111.8	106.0	104.6	107.7	107.2	106.8	104.7	108.7	107.5	105.7	109.2	102.6	105.4	112.7
(c) Paints, oils, glass (14)	109.5	103.8	98.2	98.6	95.5	96.1	96.2	95.5	100.0	107.6	125.9	121.9	128.1	126.3	122.4	125.3	135.3	141.2	136.8	135.2	145.5	154.5	148.6	144.8
11. House furnishings (16).....	100.2	100.5	100.9	101.1	101.3	97.9	97.5	99.8	99.6	100.2	110.2	107.9	109.2	109.6	112.7	107.3	113.0	112.7	112.8	110.4	110.6	110.4	114.5	126.2
12. Drugs and chemicals (16)...	110.5	110.3	104.4	104.4	103.1	100.3	99.8	96.5	96.8	93.3	101.5	99.8	102.2	105.5	109.6	106.4	106.3	108.5	107.1	103.9	109.5	112.1	115.5	113.3
13. Miscellaneous—																								
(a) Furs (4).....	86.5	99.7	103.7	123.6	113.5	80.5	80.7	88.0	111.1	111.8	147.3	140.9	145.2	168.1	171.3	217.4	229.2	239.4	231.8	227.2	234.5	252.9	297.3	307.9
(b) Liquors, tobaccos (6)	94.9	99.0	99.7	99.4	98.7	99.4	98.0	103.9	103.9	102.3	103.3	103.3	103.7	107.0	107.8	108.1	108.1	125.5	118.0	117.5	132.9	151.2	155.2	134.7
(c) Sundry (7).....	112.0	106.7	98.9	100.3	93.7	91.3	92.6	91.2	103.3	109.5	113.0	110.9	116.8	115.9	119.1	121.1	120.9	123.0	117.6	121.6	118.0	100.3	104.3	113.1
Total (272).....	110.3	108.5	102.8	102.5	97.2	95.6	92.5	92.2	96.1	100.1	106.2	107.0	109.0	110.5	111.4	113.8	120.0	126.2	120.8	121.2	124.2	127.4	134.4	135.5

therewith the table of index numbers on page 20 will be useful as showing from year to year the movement of prices both for the entire list and also for the several groups. It should be noted that the level indicated by the number 100 in the diagram and table represents the average price during the decade 1890-1899, the period adopted as the "base period" or standard of measurement and comparison. ‡

It will be seen that in 1890-91, the earliest years covered, the general tendency of prices in Canada was steeply downward. This tendency was uninterrupted until 1896, a time of panic-depression and political unrest in the United States, the effects of which were keenly felt in Canada. With the year 1897, however, a pronounced and even violent reaction set in,—the beginning of the movement which, continued since, forms the basis of the present cost of living problem. In five years time the rise had fully made good the loss of the early nineties, and by 1907, or the conclusion of ten years, the gain amounted to no less than thirty-seven per cent. The advance had not been wholly without interruption: there was a pause in 1899, and another in 1903. A third and more considerable reaction, amounting this time to a recession of several points, occurred after the "crest" of 1907. It lasted, however, little more than a year, and by 1909 the rise was again in full progress. The years 1910, 1911 and 1912 witnessed, in fact, an even more rapid upward flight of prices than that which characterized the years preceding 1907: by December, 1912, the general level stood at a point approximately forty-eight per cent above that of the low year 1897. A check occurred in 1913, but the general effect was little more than to discontinue the high speed of the advances of 1910-11-12. As illustrated, therefore, by wholesale prices submitted to a careful process of selection and measurement, the rise in cost of living of the past sixteen years may be set down in round figures as fifty per cent.

A statement of this kind requires for the sake of perspective some explanation as to the level from which the rise "took off". As a matter of fact, the year 1897 represents the bottom of a prolonged decline. Beginning with 1873, prices, which were then exceptionally high, fell rapidly until 1882-4, when there was a temporary check and moderate recovery; thereafter they declined with almost equal rapidity until 1890, after which year their course may be seen in the frontispiece diagram. In point of fact, the price level in 1897 was at its lowest, certainly since 1848, and probably in over one hundred years.* Thus a fact to be borne in mind in discussing the present rise is that it had its origin in an exceedingly low level and that the period with which the present generation is apt to compare existing conditions was one of abnormally low prices, especially in foods and other lines entering extensively into domestic consumption.**

‡A period of years is preferable as a "base" to a single year, as tending to eliminate the effect of temporarily abnormal features. (See Department of Labour report, *Wholesale Prices, 1890-1909*, p. 440.)

*See Part II, Section (1), Chapter II, for general historical sketch of prices. See, in particular, diagram showing course of prices in England from the beginning of the Nineteenth Century up to the present, based on the index numbers of Jevons, Sauerbeck and the Board of Trade.

**"In 1896, the United States was swept into a political conflict seldom, if ever, equalled in intensity and bitterness, by what? By nothing else than the low cost of living! The Democratic platform of that year denounced the Republican party and its administration because 'the products of the people's toil are depressed in price until they no longer pay the cost of production.' Prices were so low that industry languished, wages declined, and unemployment was widespread. The remedy proposed—and it would be laughable if it were not tragic—the remedy proposed was the restoration of high prices by depreciation of the currency."—*Ottawa Citizen*, Jan. 20, 1914.

Sir George Paish, who looks forward (*Statist*, Feb. 14, 1914) to a decline in prices, adds: "I scarcely need to state, however, that there is no prospect of prices falling back to the unprofitable level of the 'nineties—that condition of affairs was greatly to be regretted from every point of view, arising as it did from a condition of intense discredit. Such an abnormal depression is unlikely to recur for many years."

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"Weighted" Averages. The index number of wholesale prices quoted above is obtained by averaging on an equal basis the index numbers for the several commodities. In other words, each article has been regarded as of equal importance from the standpoint of consumption. This, of course, is not true to the fact, though in an inquiry covering so many articles, the disadvantage tends to disappear. § By way, however, of adjusting the group index numbers approximately to their importance a series of "weights" based on a system suggested by the British Association for the Advancement of Science has been constructed. † The table of "weighted" and "unweighted" numbers follows, while the chart on the following page shows the results since 1900 at a glance:—

WEIGHTED AND UNWEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS, 1890-1913.

YEAR.	Weighted Number.	Unweighted Number.
1890.....	112.0	110.3
1891.....	111.3	108.5
1892.....	104.9	102.8
1893.....	103.9	102.5
1894.....	97.2	97.2
1895.....	95.6	95.6
1896.....	90.6	92.5
1897.....	89.9	92.2
1898.....	95.5	96.1
1899.....	99.0	100.1
1899.....	105.8	108.2
1900.....	106.0	107.0
1901.....	109.6	109.0
1902.....	109.7	110.5
1903.....	110.6	111.4
1904.....	113.8	113.8
1905.....	120.1	120.0
1906.....	129.2	126.2
1907.....	125.1	120.8
1908.....	126.3	121.2
1909.....	128.0	124.2
1910.....	131.1	127.4
1911.....	143.9	134.4
1912.....	139.6	135.5
1913.....		

† It is overcome in part by the inclusion of several quotations in the case of the more important commodities, and in part by the fact that several articles are represented indirectly more than once—as for example, wheat in bran, shorts, four lines of flour, bread at two localities, and soda biscuits.

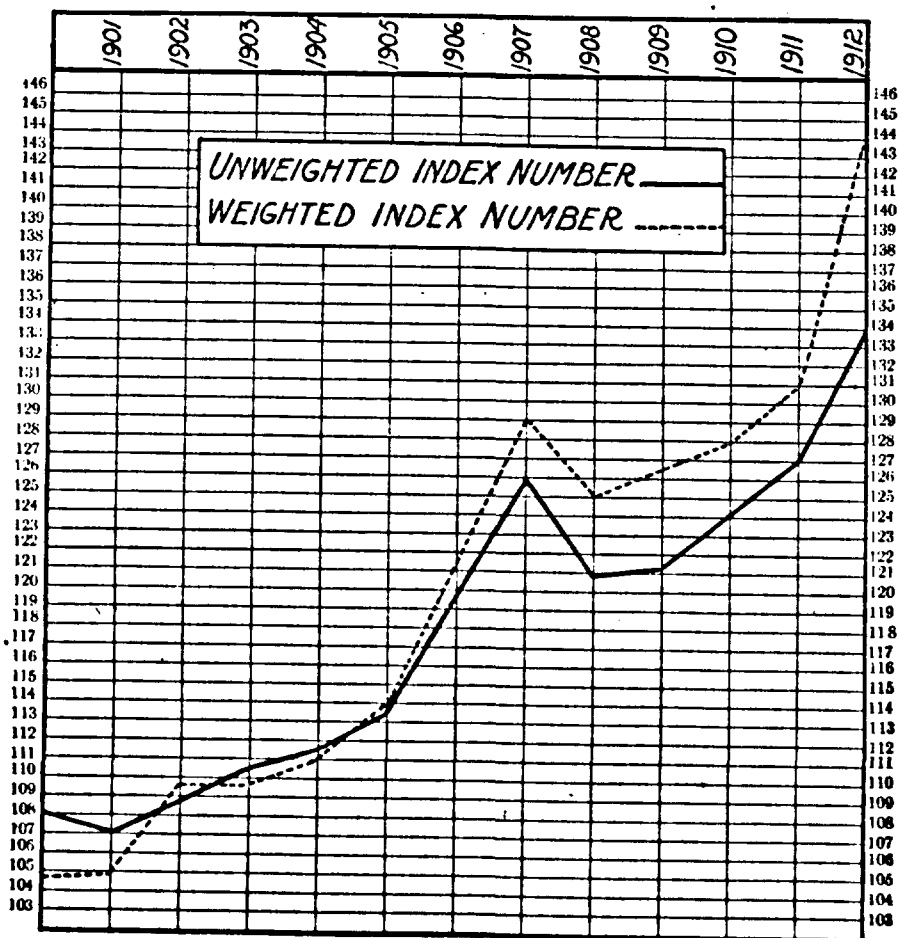
‡ See Report of Committee on index numbers, 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1890. The "weights" in question follow:—

Group.	Weight.
Grains and fodder	18
Animals and meats	10
Fish	2 1/2
Dairy produce	7 1/2
Other foods	15
Textiles	8
Hides, leather, boots and shoes	2
Metals and implements (a) metals	8
(b) implements	1
Fuel and lighting	10
Building materials (a) lumber	6
(b) miscellaneous building materials	2
(c) paints, etc.	1
House furnishings	2
Drugs and chemicals	2
Miscellaneous (a) furs	1
(b) liquors and tobacco	2
(c) sundry	2
Total	100

It will be seen that in recent years, and especially in 1912, the weighted number shows a more rapid advance than the unweighted. In 1913, however, it fell considerably. The weighted number is important as it is probably, all things considered, a better index than the unweighted of tendencies in the cost of living, the chief weights being assigned to the groups whose price level directly affects domestic expenditure.† Judging by the two lines, the depression in 1907 did not have the lowering effect on cost of living that it had on general trade activity, the fall being 4.1 points in the one and 5.4 in the other. Again during 1912 the steeply upward trend of the weighted line may be regarded as reflecting the serious aspects of the rise from the cost of living viewpoint, while the fall in 1913 would apparently indicate that the reduction in cost of living is a more prominent feature than during the set-back of 1907.

COURSE OF WHOLESALE PRICES, CANADA, BY WEIGHTED AND UNWEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS SINCE THE OPENING OF THE PRESENT CENTURY.

(Prices 1890-1899=100).



†No less than fifty-five of the total of 100 weight units are given to foodstuffs, raw and manufactured, while ten are assigned to fuel, two to house furnishings, and eleven to clothing, leaving only 22 to metals, lumber, etc.

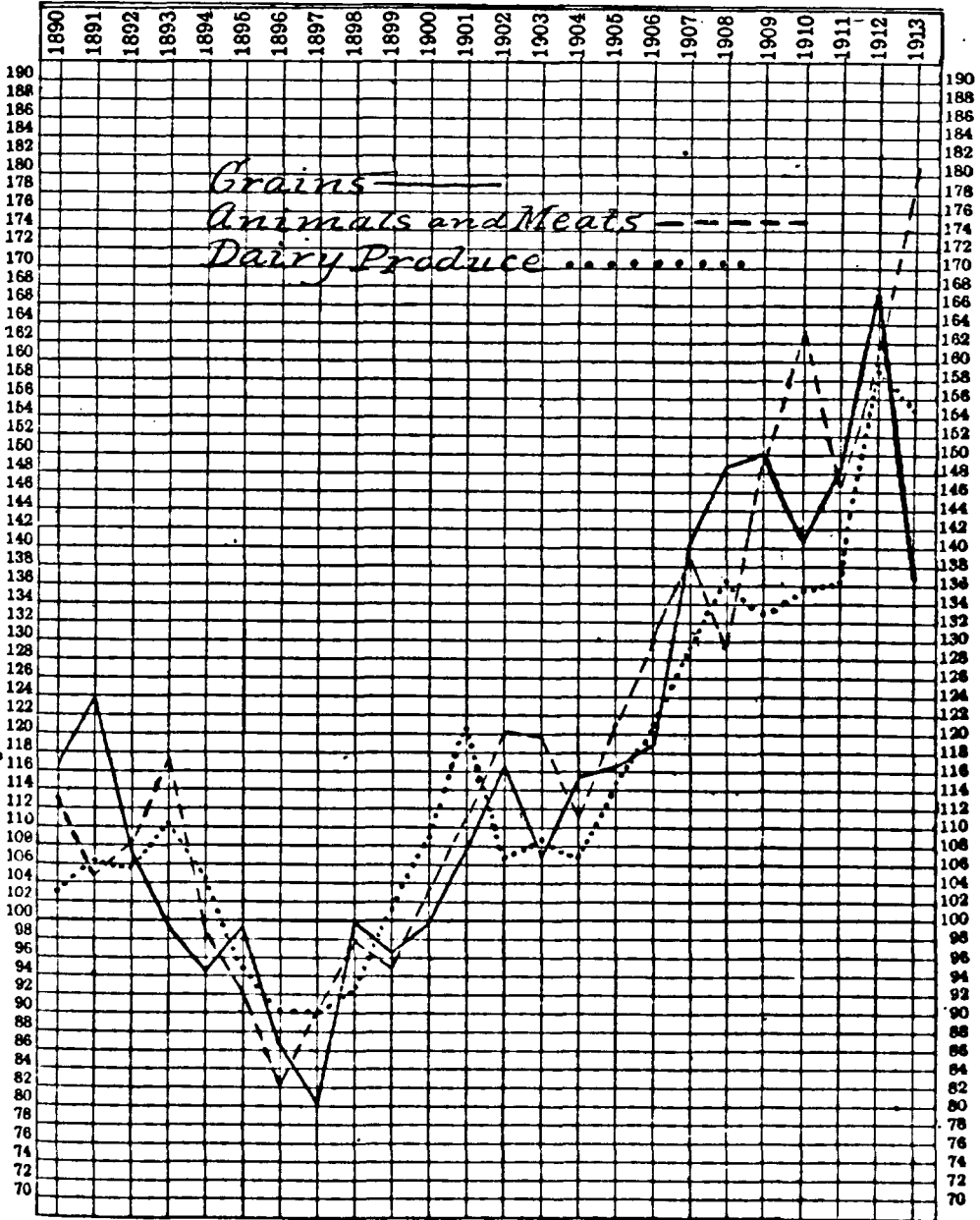
Changes by Groups of Articles.

Generalizations of the above kind, though informing, require to be interpreted in the light of a more detailed analysis of tendencies in smaller groups and in individual commodities.

Noting the groups first: The most prominent rise between 1896 and the present from a cost of living standpoint, is that which has taken place in animals and meats, the advance being no less than 120 per cent. Dairy products have gone up over 70 per cent, and fish over 60 per cent. Cereals are 70 per cent higher, notwithstanding recent declines (in 1912, grains and fodders stood 107 per cent higher than in 1897). The group "miscellaneous foods", (which includes fruits, vegetables, breadstuffs, sugar, tea, coffee, etc.,—49 articles in all) stands on the average 36 per cent above the level of 1897, but this represents a recession from 47 per cent in 1912. Furs, it will be noted, show the highest gain of any of the sub-groups, but this is comparatively unimportant, though the rise has been chiefly in low grade peltries. Lumber is another group in which the rise has been very pronounced (over 90 per cent); to the extent to which this is reflected in house rents it is important from a householder's standpoint. The rise in paints, etc. (about 50 per cent) is also important. House furnishings show a rise of 30 per cent, in part due to the rise in lumber just noted. The group of leathers and of boots and shoes is also very high, showing a gain of between 60 per cent and 70 per cent. The fuel and lighting group has latterly been advancing very rapidly, as a result of the rise in anthracite coal and gasoline, though coal oil has kept low. Metals have fluctuated, but on the whole are not so high as six years ago or as in 1890. Implements and tools have been steady. The charts on the two next following pages illustrate features of these changes.

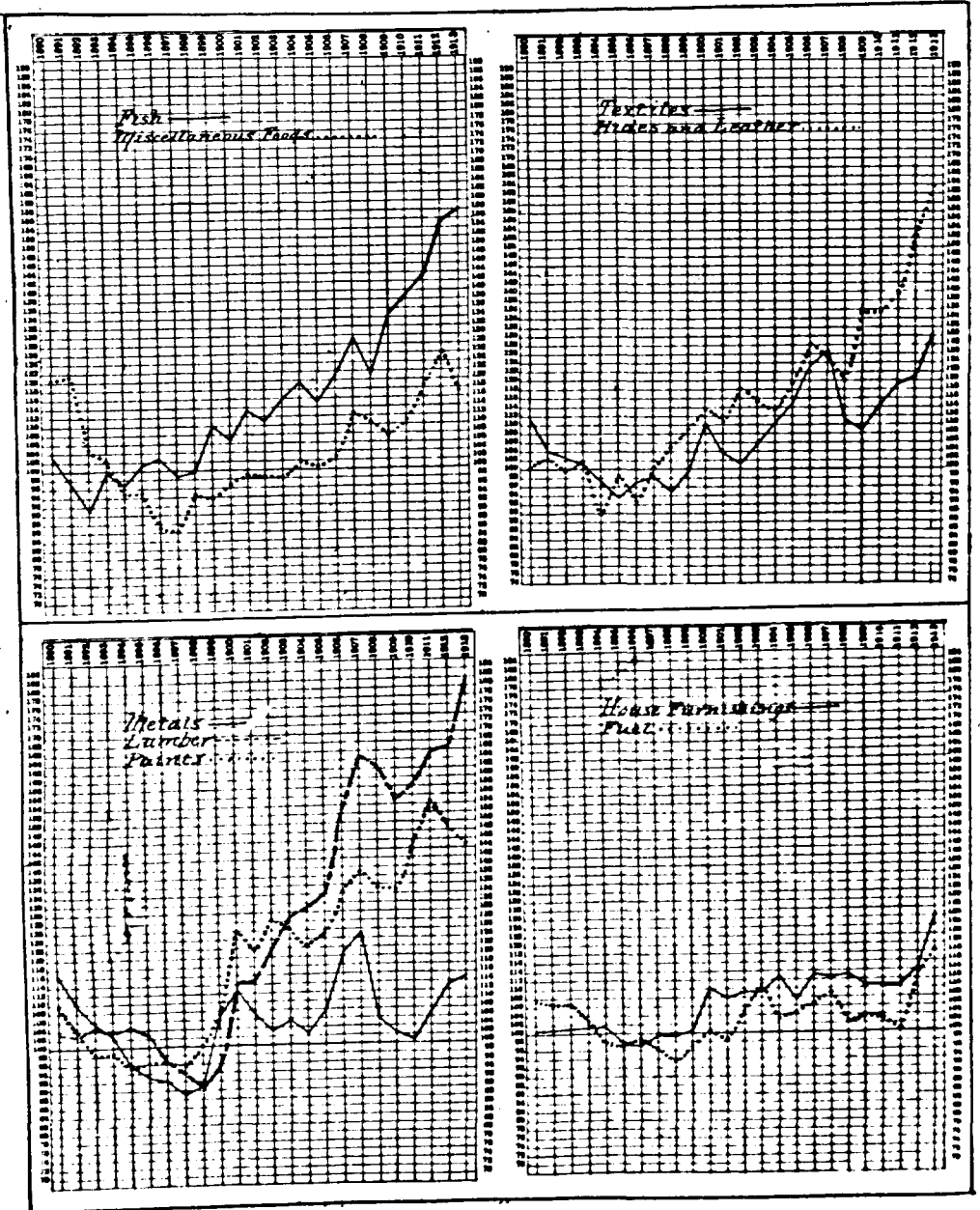
THE COURSE OF PRICES IN CERTAIN GROUPS OF COMMODITIES CANADA,
1890—1913.

(Average Prices in 1890-1899=100.)



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An analysis which shows very well how the general level of prices stood in the various groups in 1913 is contained in the following table in which the 1913 prices are compared with those of (1) the decade 1890-99; (2) the year 1890; (3) the low year in the respective groups, and (4) the preceding year 1912:—

PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE SHOWN BY PRICES IN 1913.

Group.	Compared with decade 1890-1899.	Compared with 1890.	Compared with low year.	Compared with 1912.
I. Grains and Fodder.....	36.8	17.2	69.7-1897	*18.2
II. Animals and Meats.....	80.8	62.5	119.4-1896	12.4
III. Dairy Products.....	54.7	50.2	71.7-1897	*2.7
IV. Fish.....	58.0	53.0	74.4-1892	1.5
V. Other Foods.....	17.8	*2.1	37.0-1897	*6.5
VI. Textiles:—				
(a) Woollens.....	32.5	24.5	55.7-1902	9.5
(b) Cottons.....	45.5	24.1	61.0-1898	8.1
(c) Silk.....	*12.2	*25.9	3.4-1912	3.4
(d) Flax.....	14.7	15.8	46.5-1895	*1.3
(e) Jute.....	119.4	105.2	145.1-1898	28.7
(f) Oilcloths.....	4.7	*14.0	29.1-1899	.1
VII. Hides, tallow, leather, boots and shoes:—				
(a) Hides and Tallow.....	82.8	71.8	128.8-1894	3.2
(b) Leather.....	51.8	60.0	63.1-1894	11.2
(c) Boots and Shoes.....	63.9	63.4	65.9-1894	16.6
VIII. Metals and Implements:—				
(a) Metals.....	19.1	*5.0	39.0-1897	1.5
(b) Implements.....	5.6	1.7	13.4-1897	.9
IX. Fuel and Lighting.....	18.2	10.1	26.4-1898	4.3
X. Building Materials:—				
(a) Lumber.....	81.3	75.2	99.7-1898	8.9
(b) Miscellaneous Materials.....	12.7	*4.2	29.0-1898	6.9
(c) Paints, Oil and Glass.....	44.8	32.2	51.6-1894	*2.5
XI. House Furnishings.....	26.2	26.0	29.4-1896	10.2
XII. Drugs and Chemicals.....	13.3	2.5	21.4-1899	*1.9
XIII. Miscellaneous:—				
(a) Furs.....	207.9	256.0	282.5-1895	3.6
(b) Liquors and Tobacco.....	34.7	42.0	41.9-1890	*13.2
(c) Sundries.....	13.1	1.0	24.0-1897	8.4
All Commodities.....	35.5	22.8	47.0-1897	.8

*Decrease.

Other arrangements of the data than the above are, of course, possible. For example, all the crude farm products (39 articles) may be grouped and compared with the manufactured farm products (30 articles), when it will be seen that the rise in the former between 1897 and 1912 was greater than in the latter (77 per cent compared with 61 per cent), but that last year's decline in fruits and grains has tended to equalize matters, so that manufactured home foods are now 62 per cent higher while crude products are 65 per cent higher. It is interesting also to group the imported foods in the list. Imported foods (17 articles) have moved up comparatively little (22 per cent) and that little almost entirely in the last three years. Taking all food stuffs, crude and finished, in the investigation (100 articles) and comparing them with all materials (172 articles), the rise until last year was much greater in the former (62 per cent compared with 39 per cent); the discrepancy, however, showed a tendency to lessen in 1913 (58 per cent compared with 43 per cent). Again, if the comparison is between raw materials and manufactured articles the rise has been much greater in the former than in the latter (69 per cent compared with 41 per cent.) Other analyses that might be suggested are consumers' and producers' goods and organic and inorganic goods.

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The index numbers on which the above statements are based follow:—

CRUDE FARM PRODUCTS.—39 Articles.

	1897	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Apples.....	79.2	150.5	134.1	197.0	150.3	129.7
Barley, Ontario.....	62.2	145.1	131.7	170.6	194.5	135.3
Barley, western.....	86.9	160.9	144.9	194.6	179.6	140.6
Beans.....	62.1	177.9	171.4	170.1	231.1	200.7
Cattle, Ontario.....	88.7	152.2	160.9	154.4	176.7	182.8
Cattle, Western.....	94.0	112.4	134.8	138.6	159.0	184.1
Cherries.....	98.1	111.7	128.5	128.4	110.6	34.5
Corn, No. 3.....	57.0	164.6	148.3	141.4	172.2	151.7
Eggs (Toronto).....	77.6	171.5	168.1	157.1	191.0	176.6
Flaxseed.....	85.0	194.4	191.4	208.1	160.0	108.0
Fowls.....	82.3	188.3	170.0	162.3	133.1	163.5
Grapes.....	117.1	104.9	102.1	72.5	76.6	107.9
Hay.....	112.3	135.0	141.3	135.1	178.9	145.6
Hides (3 lines).....	112.0	166.1	160.7	172.9	197.0	203.4
Hogs.....	105.2	147.5	176.9	138.0	160.4	187.8
Honey.....	82.7	147.4	129.3	131.9	141.8	134.4
Milk (Montreal).....	100.0	127.8	127.9	127.9	134.5	143.0
Milk (Toronto).....	106.2	125.6	139.1	138.8	151.8	149.2
Milk (Victoria).....	100.0	113.7	113.7	136.4	159.1	159.1
Oats, Ontario.....	69.2	150.7	119.0	129.1	154.2	123.7
Oats, Western.....	89.6	133.3	115.2	120.6	134.8	111.7
Onions.....	128.7	117.4	109.4	174.9	219.2	147.7
Peaches.....	63.6	105.7	69.0	101.6	88.8	69.3
Pears.....	56.5	102.1	111.9	79.2	93.0	78.5
Peas, Ontario.....	75.0	158.4	142.8	155.4	202.4	181.2
Plums.....	62.2	89.4	130.7	68.1	75.3	55.8
Potatoes (Toronto).....	66.0	142.8	103.3	220.4	237.0	154.6
Raspberries.....	60.3	116.7	119.4	156.5	170.4	169.1
Rye.....	71.3	140.4	131.4	144.6	168.3	123.9
Sheep.....	79.4	100.0	118.2	103.6	121.0	137.6
Straw.....	90.9	133.8	125.3	112.7	173.9	149.2
Strawberries.....	80.4	86.4	93.3	135.7	119.8	146.9
Tomatoes.....	86.5	98.3	114.4	106.5	103.0	179.6
Turkeys.....	89.3	185.8	169.8	185.8	191.9	211.2
Turnips.....	69.2	93.7	110.6	113.2	142.0	106.2
Wheat, Ontario.....	101.3	143.0	129.7	111.5	126.1	120.9
Wheat, Western.....	101.8	149.5	129.5	123.7	126.1	114.1
Wool, unwashed.....	105.6	107.5	119.0	124.5	121.5	141.4
Wool, washed.....	110.9	106.6	113.5	106.9	105.7	129.8
All.....	86.3	134.7	132.1	139.4	152.7	142.3

MANUFACTURED FARM PRODUCTS.—30 Articles.

	1897	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Apples, evaporated.....	64.7	93.6	97.1	158.8	118.1	89.5
Bacon.....	101.7	146.0	179.7	149.7	158.4	183.7
Beef, dressed, hindquarters.....	102.5	168.2	205.1	198.8	231.8	230.0
Beef, dressed, forequarters.....	84.0	131.7	172.1	159.1	182.2	190.0
Beef, dressed, plate.....		139.5	159.5	146.1	150.3	184.5
Bran.....	64.9	182.2	170.9	183.8	196.9	165.2
Cheese.....	98.1	124.4	131.1	129.6	143.4	131.8
Flax Fibre.....	94.4	117.2	122.4	133.6	141.1	130.7
Flour, straight rollers.....	106.5	136.7	129.7	116.6	121.0	118.5
Flour, strong bakers.....	106.8	123.2	117.5	107.1	114.0	108.1
Flour, Winter wheat patents.....	103.6	124.5	118.0	105.3	111.7	111.8
Flour, Manitoba, first patents.....	107.9	129.3	124.0	113.9	120.0	115.2
Glucose.....	55.0	145.3	138.1	124.5	142.6	140.3
Hams.....	100.7	131.1	162.2	140.9	144.7	171.1
Hogs, dressed.....	98.4	166.8	186.0	153.3	175.2	207.3
Lamb, dressed.....	88.4	147.7	161.2	137.7	163.7	190.0
Lard.....	78.2	161.3	178.1	131.1	156.1	163.4
Leather (4 lines).....	98.9	119.5	122.9	123.2	136.5	151.8
Linseed Oil (raw and boiled).....	77.1	109.8	147.2	182.4	151.9	103.4
Malt.....	101.5	123.4	123.4	136.1	162.3	125.8
Maple Sugar.....	85.2	197.0	125.9	129.4	124.5	149.0
Mutton.....	66.1	121.7	112.3	194.6	114.7	128.5
Oatmeal.....	80.7	143.3	123.7	129.9	135.6	123.9
Pork, Salt.....	84.5	157.1	180.0	143.5	156.4	182.3
Shorts.....	66.0	162.2	151.7	161.9	177.1	148.1
Tallow.....	70.7	112.9	113.8	114.7	117.8	121.3
Tow.....	131.3	60.6	61.4	59.4	89.6	89.1
Veal.....	102.6	142.6	154.1	150.0	155.4	176.0
Vegetables, canned (3 varieties).....	77.5	97.0	99.9	140.4	135.8	113.2
Wool.....	109.1	104.7	118.9	119.1	119.8	126.8
All.....	89.9	130.9	138.9	136.1	144.8	145.7

*Including those which have passed through the first manufacturing process only.

EXOTIC FOODS*—17 Articles.

	1897	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Bananas.....	96.1	115.2	110.6	92.4	99.4	108.2
Chocolate.....	97.6	110.0	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Coffee, Rio.....	74.5	51.8	74.0	109.3	130.6	113.1
Coffee, Santos.....	89.0	62.8	73.1	100.4	112.7	107.7
Cream of Tartar.....	89.9	84.7	91.3	101.1	94.0	107.9
Currants.....	97.3	137.2	132.5	137.3	136.6	127.9
Lemons.....	85.7	74.6	87.8	92.5	92.0	103.5
Molasses.....	72.5	78.6	69.9	72.8	69.9	67.9
Oranges.....	95.9	92.0	96.4	81.5	79.1	105.2
Pepper.....	83.3	101.6	115.6	118.9	144.7	142.4
Prunes.....	106.6	110.0	93.5	156.2	125.9	126.2
Raisins.....	91.1	78.8	66.7	110.1	121.3	108.0
Rice.....	102.4	112.3	117.5	119.3	115.9	121.8
Sugar, granulated.....	88.2	95.0	102.5	103.1	107.2	92.6
Sugar, Yellow.....	91.0	107.8	111.7	112.5	117.4	99.8
Tapioca.....	79.4	93.2	110.9	135.1	138.5	114.6
Tea.....	98.4	132.6	131.0	129.5	130.2	127.9
All.....	90.5	96.4	98.3	110.5	113.2	110.7

*Including foods manufactured from imported raw materials.

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ALL FOOD STUFFS.—100 Articles.

	1897	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Grains and fodder.....	80.6	149.9	140.7	148.4	167.3	136.8
Animals and meats.....	90.4	148.6	163.6	146.6	160.8	180.8
Dairy produce.....	90.1	133.6	135.7	136.2	159.0	154.7
Fish.....	98.6	134.0	114.1	143.6	155.7	158.0
Other foods.....	86.0	107.6	111.3	116.0	126.0	117.8
All.....	87.6	126.7	129.8	133.1	142.1	138.5

ALL MATERIALS.—172 Articles.

	1897	1900	1910	1911	1912	1913
Textiles.....	98.0	108.3	114.7	119.2	120.7	130.8
Hides and leather, etc.....	100.1	135.4	136.2	139.6	152.4	163.9
Metals and implements.....	89.0	102.5	99.7	107.2	113.7	112.4
Fuel and lighting.....	86.4	103.8	103.0	100.5	113.3	118.2
Lumber.....	93.9	154.6	158.5	165.4	166.5	181.3
Other building materials.....	87.7	105.7	109.2	102.6	105.4	112.7
Paints and oils.....	95.5	135.2	145.5	154.5	148.6	144.8
House furnishings.....	99.8	110.4	110.6	110.6	114.5	126.2
Drugs and chemicals.....	96.5	96.8	109.5	112.1	115.5	113.3
Furs.....	88.0	227.6	234.5	252.9	203.7	307.9
Miscellaneous.....	92.1	121.6	118.0	100.3	104.3	113.1
All.....	92.9	117.8	120.9	123.7	129.2	133.7

PRODUCTS OF THE MINE.—12 Articles.

	1897	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Antimony.....	71.7	68.9	63.3	64.9	69.0	85.5
Copper.....	96.5	105.8	102.6	98.7	130.8	124.0
Lead.....	73.4	95.4	97.5	89.7	88.3	90.1
Nickel.....	94.1	112.2	115.1	112.2	103.2	96.5
Quicksilver.....	81.1	69.6	71.0	71.2	81.2	79.8
Silver.....	89.3	105.8	110.3	117.4	135.3	131.3
Spelter.....	74.8	149.7	167.6	210.3	229.7	227.5
Tin.....	98.3	124.7	122.5	122.3	122.3	122.2
Coal, N. S.....		113.3	122.5	131.9	147.0	147.0
Coal, B. C.....	99.1	113.9	115.9	119.3	129.3	137.0
Coal Penna. anthracite.....		114.3	118.1	123.1	120.1	130.8
Iron, pig, No. 1, N. S.....						
All.....	86.5	106.1	109.2	114.7	124.8	126.1

RAW MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.

	Number of Commodities.	1890	1897	1907	1911	1912	1913	
Foods.....	Raw.....	47	112.9	85.4	129.1	141.8	154.5	141.9
	Manufactured.	51	104.2	93.7	118.5	129.3	135.9	134.7
Clothings.....	Raw.....	108	113.4	102.1	134.7	144.5	149.3	202.6
	Manufactured.	17	101.2	98.9	121.4	124.1	127.0	139.4
Metals and Metal Products	Raw.....	12	129.9	85.5	141.4	109.4	115.3	117.1
	Manufactured.	34	121.2	91.9	115.6	102.4	103.4	107.5
Lumber and Wood Products	Raw.....	11	99.2	98.4	165.2	158.8	158.7	174.6
	Manufactured.	16	101.9	97.1	140.9	131.2	142.6	149.8
Fuel and Lighting.....	Raw.....	3	100.1	98.7	115.6	124.5	132.9	135.4
	Manufactured.	7	110.0	77.7	101.7	83.1	99.1	108.3
All.....	Raw.....	89	111.7	89.7	140.7	146.8	154.9	152.0
	Manufactured.	165	110.1	91.0	118.6	118.4	124.9	128.8

‡Exclusive of furs (4 lines).

Still another analysis especially interesting from the present point of view is that of all the foods included in the investigation taken in the form in which they enter the household (that is, meats, but not animals; flour, bread and biscuits, but not wheat; etc., etc.) The number of these is eighty-one and their index numbers of the last three years are as follows, the accompanying chart being for assistance in the interpretation—the figures at the side of the chart showing the percentage level compared with the decade 1890-99.

INDEX NUMBERS OF FOODS, 1911, 1912, 1913.

Meats, Fish, Dairy, Fruits, Vegetables, Breadstuffs, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Condiments, etc. (Eighty-six in number).

(Average Prices, 1890-1899=100).

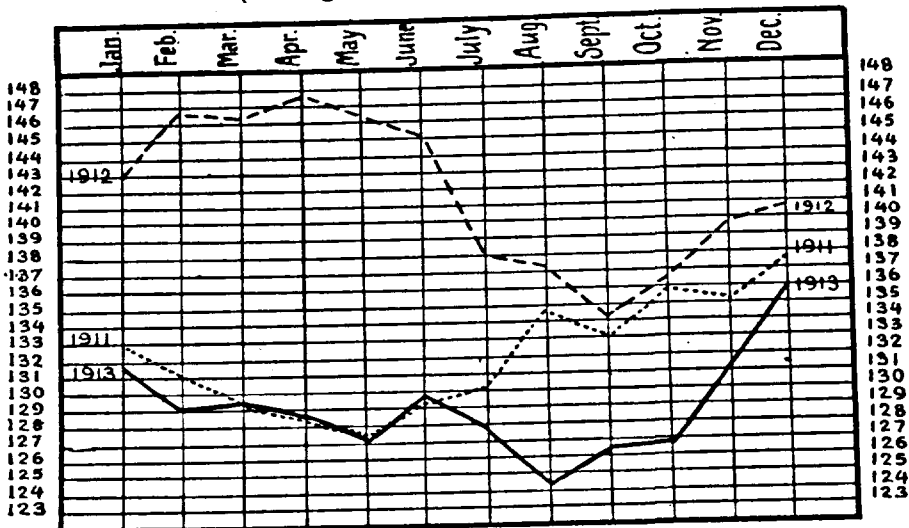
	1913	1912	1911
January.....	131.8	143.0	132.9
February.....	129.1	146.7	131.2
March.....	129.3	146.3	129.2
April.....	129.5	147.4	128.2
May.....	128.5	146.5	127.6
June.....	130.0	145.3	129.3
July.....	128.7	138.1	130.1
August.....	124.6	137.3	134.8
September.....	126.5	134.5	134.1
October.....	126.9	136.6	135.9
November.....	131.7	139.9	135.2
December.....	135.9	140.7	137.7
Year.....	130.1	141.7	132.2

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR EXHIBIT

RELATIVE PRICES OF FOODS,* 1911, 1912 AND 1913.

Including Meats, Fish, Dairy Products, Fruits, Vegetables, Breadstuffs, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Condiments, etc.

(Average Prices, 1890-1899=100).



*This includes all finished food products covered in the investigation, eighty-one in number, but is exclusive of raw farm products, such as grain, fodder and animals, and of liquors and tobacco.

Changes in Important Staple Commodities.

For the examination of the price tendencies of individual commodities, reference must be made to the large table. It may be convenient, however, to append a few notes of the briefest character with regard to certain important staples:

Wheat.—The low years were 1894-1896 (61-65c). Between that and 1909, the high year, there was a rise of 45c a bushel. The present level is 18-20 cents below the high mark.

Oats.—Prices rose from 20c in 1896 to 40-45c in 1909, falling to 33-37c in 1913. The 1912 world crop was the heaviest on record.

Barley.—The rise in Western barley was from 21c in 1896 to 62c in 1911, and in Eastern barley from 28c in 1897 to 79c in 1912. The 1911 eastern crop was very short.

Hay.—Baled hay which sold for \$8 in Montreal in 1894 brought \$17.25 in 1912 and \$14 in 1913.

Bran and Shorts.—These commodities have considerably more than doubled since 1897. In 1912 prices were at least 160 per cent higher than in 1897. The demand for feed for the increased dairy herds is the cause attributed. Bran and shorts being by-products, the price is governed largely by demand, supply being determined by other factors.

Cattle and Beef.—Western cattle have risen from \$2.76 (1894) to \$6.77 (1913), the early quotation being for ranchers; while Eastern cattle have risen from \$3.02 (1896) to \$6.99 (1913). Beef has followed, the rise in forequarters having been considerably more pronounced than in hinds, being from \$4.06 (1895) to \$11.75 (1913), or by two and one-half times.

Hogs and Hog Products.—A price of \$9.08 in 1913 compares with one of \$3.86 in 1896 for live hogs. Dressed hogs and various hog products show increases from 100 per cent up in the past fifteen years.

Poultry.—The rise since 1897 has been about 150 per cent. Fowls have doubled in price, and chickens and turkeys more than doubled.

Butter.—Butter which sold at 18-22c in the early 90's now brings from 25-29c wholesale. Summer prices are double what they used to be, but butter always inclined to be dearer in winter, and the rise on a cold-weather basis is not so pronounced.

Cheese.—The rise since 1896 is between 50 and 60 per cent.

Eggs.—The rise is approximately 150 per cent in fifteen years.

Fish.—Dry cod-fish has risen about 50 per cent since 1895-1900. Halibut is up from 7c to 10c. Salmon trout and whitefish have risen from 6½c to 12c in the past fifteen years.

Canned Salmon.—The price varies with the pack, but it was \$8.25 in 1913 as compared with \$3.75 in 1897. The world's demand has greatly increased.

Apples.—Prices since 1909 have been at least 40-50 per cent higher than obtained in the 90's. Evaporated apples were very high in 1911 (13c), but are back to the price common several years ago (7-8c). Other fresh fruits are as a rule cheaper than they used to be.

Potatoes.—From year to year potatoes now run considerably higher, the years 1911 and 1912 witnessing unprecedentedly high prices. The demand is larger and steadier than before in the 90's.

Flour.—Flour on the whole has been steady since 1909, being considerably higher than 1900.

Oatmeal.—Oatmeal during the past five years has been on considerably higher levels than in 1896. Prices were as low as \$3 a barrel in 1896, but this was exceptional. It is now approximately \$5 a barrel, or about 30 per cent above the level of 1890-99.

Tea and Coffee.—There has been a slow but steady rise in tea, the cumulative effect of which amounts to about 30 per cent. Coffee went down rapidly from 1895 to 1902, and stayed low until 1909 on account of heavy production in Brazil. It has since recovered to its former level, but was weak last year on the abandonment of the valorization scheme by the Brazilian Government.

Sugar.—Crop conditions govern prices from year to year. 1911 and 1912 were the highest years since 1893, but a present price of \$4.59 per hundredweight compares with one of \$7.10 in 1890.

Wool.—A slump in wool occurred in 1901, but prices firmed in 1905. They were low again in 1908, but are now high. The foreign wool market governs.

Cotton.—Since 1904, there have been several years of short supplies and high prices. Prices are now approximately 50 per cent higher than in 1890-99.

Silk.—Prices have fallen recently and are still low, being fully 10 per cent lower all round than they were in the 90's.

Leather.—Prices are approximately 40 per cent higher than in the '90's.

Iron and Steel.—Prices went down during the 90's, but have recovered, though not to as high a level. They are still a little under those of 1900.

Copper.—Prices were very high about 1907 and have been low since until last year when they rose to a point about 25 per cent higher than the level of 1890-99.

Lead.—1907 and 1912 were high years, but 1910 and 1911 saw prices about the same as in the 90's.

Coal.—Bituminous coal has been fairly steady, but anthracite coal has gone up materially in the past five years.

Coal Oil.—Prices have gone down from 20c a gallon, which was common in the 90's, to 12c in 1911 and 15c in 1913. This, it is said, has been rendered possible by the enormous demand for gasoline previously a by-product in the manufacture of coal oil. Gasoline has advanced from 17c in 1900 to 25c in 1913.

Bricks, Lime and Cement.—Bricks have gone up by 60 per cent since 1890-99. Lime has advanced by nearly 40 per cent. Cement prices, however, were all but cut in half between 1896 and 1912. They are now slowly advancing.

Linseed Oil.—Prices fluctuate with the flax crop, being very high in 1911 and 1912 (50 per cent over 1890-99) but much easier in 1913.

Rosin.—Prices have been multiplied by four in the last twenty years.

Methylated Spirits.—The price has been reduced by the Government to approximately 60 per cent of what it used to be.

Sulphuric Acid.—This important chemical has doubled in price since 1902.

Tobacco.—The Canadian raw leaf has doubled in price. A standard plug has advanced by 35 per cent since the '90's.

Newsprint Paper.—Prices have gone down from an average of \$3 per hundredweight in 1890-99 to \$2 during the last three years.

Binder Twine.—This important article is lower than it used to be, notwithstanding a rapid advance last year.

Rubber.—Prices were very high in 1910-11, but fell to less than half in 1913. They are now about on the average that prevailed during the '90's.

Soap.—Soap has been going up steadily, with increasing cost of manufacture.

Starch.—Starch follows corn and was very high (6c) in 1908. It is now 5.6c. In 1892 it fell below 4c.

WHOLESALE PRICES, CANADA, 1890-1901.

Average annual prices based on records of monthly and weekly prices as published by the
Department of Labour, Canada.

	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
I.—GRAINS AND FODDER:—								
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Grains:								
Wheat Manitoba Northern No. 1	Bu.	Winnipeg	.8456	.9308	.8012	.7333	.6125	.7181
Wheat, Ontario No. 2	"	Toronto	.9266	.9789	.7845	.6110	.5760	.7013
Barley Canada Western No. 3	"	Winnipeg	.5625	.3300	.3016	.2950	.2700	.3075
Barley, Ontario, No. 2	"	Toronto	.4996	.4950	.4250	.3846	.4002	.4424
Oats, Canada Western No. 2	"	Winnipeg	.4233	.3458	.2225	.2775	.3025	.2716
Oats, Ontario, White, No. 2	"	Toronto	.3791	.4245	.2943	.3088	.3139	.3043
Corn American Yellow No. 3	"	"	.4679	.7031	.4791	.5262	.4700	.4177
Flax Seed N. W. Manitoba No. 1		Winnipeg						
Peas, Ontario, No. 2	"	Toronto	.5825	.6791	.5929	.5504	.5376	.5479
Rye, Ontario, No. 2	"	"	.4795	.7491	.6704	.4854	.4416	.4787
(b) Fodder:								
Hay, No. 1	Ton	Montreal	9.1400	9.1200	11.0200	10.1000	7.9100	9.5400
Hay, Timothy, Baled, No. 1	"	Toronto	9.9430	10.2710	11.0730	9.6370	9.0210	10.5910
Straw, Baled	"	"	5.8540	6.2290	6.6350	5.7080	5.6450	5.6830
Bran, Ontario	"	"	13.3700	15.1700	13.0800	12.9500	13.3600	13.5600
Shorts Ontario	"	"	16.2900	18.5000	17.4300	15.9100	15.5200	15.8500
II.—ANIMALS AND MEATS:—								
(a) Cattle and Cattle Products:								
Cattle, Western, Butchers	Cwt.	Winnipeg	3.7500	3.6250	5.3540	3.8950	2.6870	3.1870
Cattle, Butchers, Choice Steers	"	Toronto	4.1830	3.9630	3.8740	4.4530	3.9650	3.7110
Beef, dressed, hindquarters	"	"	*8.0420	*7.7920	*7.7500	*7.6330	*7.2220	*7.5000
Beef, dressed, forequarters	"	"	*5.4800	*5.1200	*5.2400	*5.3100	*4.8400	*4.0600
Beef, Plate	"	Montreal						
Veal	"	Toronto	*7.8960	*7.8540	*7.9580	*8.4320	*7.4090	*6.3540
(b) Fodder:								
Hay, No. 1	Ton	Montreal	12.2400	10.8400	8.9300	7.6400	9.5400	10.7300
Hay, Timothy, Baled, No. 1	"	Toronto	12.5230	9.8410	7.9800	7.9380	9.1150	9.5100
Straw, Baled	"	"	7.3430	5.2360	4.5200	4.7180	4.9060	5.3430
Bran, Ontario	"	"	9.5500	7.8500	9.7800	12.1600	13.1200	12.9300
Shorts Ontario	"	"	10.7500	9.7600	12.9300	14.8500	15.0400	14.7700
II.—ANIMALS AND MEATS:—								
(a) Cattle and Cattle Products:								
Cattle, Western, Butchers	Cwt.	Winnipeg	3.1660	3.4580	3.7700	3.8950	3.5200	3.8540
Cattle, Butchers, Choice Steers	"	Toronto	3.0200	3.3930	3.8040	3.8780	4.2290	4.3620
Beef, dressed, hindquarters	"	"	*6.1880	*6.7000	*6.9500	*7.5000	*7.8750	*7.9220
Beef, dressed, forequarters	"	"	*3.2400	*3.9500	*4.6300	*5.1200	*4.9420	4.9790
Beef, Plate	"	Montreal						
Veal	"	Toronto	*5.4060	*6.7500	*7.7290	*7.2500	*8.1040	*7.2730

*Farmers' Market.

WHOLESALE PRICES, CANADA, 1902-1913.

Average annual prices based on records of monthly and weekly prices as published by the Department of Labour, Canada.

	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
I.—GRAINS AND FODDER:—								
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
a) Grains:								
Wheat Manitoba Northern No. 1	Bu.	Winnipeg.	.7291	.7875	.9165	.9031	.7604	.8800
Wheat, Ontario, No. 2	"	Toronto..	.7300	.7331	.9466	.9238	.7618	.8381
Barley, Canada Western, No. 3	"	Winnipeg.	.3783	.3191	.3958	.3745	.4122	.4966
Barley, Ontario, No. 2	"	Toronto..	.4753	.4385	.4382	.4711	.4900	.5900
Oats, Canada Western, No. 2	"	Winnipeg.	.3675	.3137	.3620	.3628	.3387	.4002
Oats, Ontario, White, No. 2	"	Toronto..	.4022	.3136	.3234	.3782	.3579	.4350
Corn, American Yellow, No. 3	"	"	.6179	.5395	.5458	.5366	.5425	.6075
Flax Seed, N.W. Manitoba No. 1	"	Winnipeg	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.0700	1.2300
Peas, Ontario, No. 2	"	Toronto..	.7779	.6558	.6370	.6941	.7800	.8043
Rye, Ontario, No. 2	"	"	.5350	.5106	.5993	.6693	.6708	.7045
(b) Fodder:								
Hay, No. 1	Ton	Montreal	9.5400	10.5000	9.7700	9.0300	10.1800	15.3700
Hay, Timothy, Baled, No. 1	"	Toronto..	9.6980	9.0230	8.5830	7.7810	9.3330	14.1880
Straw, Baled	"	"	5.2080	5.0930	5.9580	5.9680	5.9160	7.7810
Bran, Ontario	"	"	15.6700	14.4100	14.8900	13.7200	16.1800	20.3700
Shorts, Ontario	"	"	18.6000	17.2500	17.2000	17.2900	18.4700	21.6300
II.—ANIMALS AND MEATS:—								
(a) Cattle and Cattle Products:								
Cattle, Western, Butchers	Cwt.	Winnipeg.	4.0200	3.7290	3.7080	3.5410	3.8330	4.4160
Cattle, Butchers, Choice Steers	"	Toronto..	4.9000	4.4700	4.4950	4.5700	4.5180	4.8540
Beef, dressed, hindquarters	"	"	*8.3060	6.5000	6.5898	6.5220	6.7700	7.2686
Beef, dressed, forequarters	"	"	*5.4170	*5.3190	*5.1250	*5.3860	*5.3060	*5.4720
Beef, Plate	"	Montreal	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.7100	7.4400
Veal	"	Toronto..	*7.9500	7.7610	7.5740	8.1900	9.0780	8.9230
	Unit.	Market.	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
I.—GRAINS AND FODDER:—								
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Grains:								
Wheat Manitoba Northern No. 1	Bu.	Winnipeg.	1.0397	1.0856	1.0001	.9553	.9744	.8810
Wheat, Ontario, No. 2	"	Toronto..	.9043	1.0810	.9810	.8429	.9767	.9137
Barley, Canada Western, No. 3	"	Winnipeg.	.4879	.5157	.4666	.6261	.5779	.4525
Barley, Ontario, No. 2	"	Toronto..	.6073	.5918	.5400	.6950	.7928	.5513
Oats, Canada Western, No. 2	"	Winnipeg.	.3941	.4029	.3441	.3645	.4074	.3374
Oats, Ontario, White, No. 2	"	Toronto..	.4452	.4527	.3575	.3878	.4631	.3714
Corn, American Yellow, No. 3	"	"	.7608	.7278	.6569	.6250	.7612	.6630
Flax Seed, N.W. Manitoba No. 1	"	Winnipeg.	1.1600	1.2800	2.0420	2.2210	1.7079	1.1450
Peas, Ontario, No. 2	"	Toronto..	.8697	.8775	.7908	.8597	1.1206	.9905
Rye, Ontario, No. 2	"	"	.8031	.7152	.6708	.7382	.8594	.6325
(b) Fodder:								
Hay, No. 1	Ton	Montreal	13.9300	13.0200	13.6250	13.0210	17.2500	14.0420
Hay, Timothy, Baled, No. 1	"	Toronto..	13.1040	12.7710	13.6880	13.1470	16.2700	12.5210
Straw, Baled	"	"	8.1450	7.7080	7.2080	6.4790	10.0000	13.1040
Bran, Ontario	"	"	20.7000	22.0200	20.6450	22.2083	23.7916	19.9580
Shorts, Ontario	"	"	22.5000	23.9700	22.4160	23.9170	26.1660	21.8760
II.—ANIMALS AND MEATS:—								
(a) Cattle and Cattle Products:								
Cattle, Western, Butchers	Cwt.	Winnipeg.	4.0620	4.1350	4.9800	5.0980	5.8480	6.7730
Cattle, Butchers, Choice Steers	"	Toronto..	4.9520	5.6440	6.1540	5.9060	6.7580	6.9910
Beef, dressed, hindquarters	"	"	7.8070	9.3650	11.4160	11.0630	12.9030	12.8000
Beef, dressed, forequarters	"	"	*6.0210	6.2710	8.0000	7.4580	8.5625	11.7451
Beef, Plate	"	Montreal	7.7800	7.7200	8.8300	8.0830	8.3120	10.2000
Veal	"	Toronto..	8.8990	9.3900	10.1460	9.8760	10.2300	11.5890

*Farmers' Market.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR EXHIBIT

WHOLESALE PRICES, CANADA, 1890-1901.—Continued.

Average annual prices based on records of monthly and weekly prices as published by the
Department of Labour, Canada.

	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
II.—Animals and Meats (cont'd.)			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) Hogs and Hog Products:								
Hogs.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	4.6290	4.8240	4.9850	6.2120	4.6040	4.2790
Hogs, dressed.....	"	"	*6.1600	*5.9650	*6.2080	*7.7560	*6.1290	*5.3880
Bacon, Breakfast, Eng. Boneless.	"	Montreal	10.6250	9.6350	10.0610	12.0150	11.0410	10.0200
Hams, Medium Size.....	"	"	11.7500	10.8640	10.8950	12.8400	11.0200	9.9790
Pork, Heavy Can. Short Cut								
Mess.....	Bbl.	"	16.2290	16.6660	16.5620	21.7700	18.0520	15.5330
Lard, Pure.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0895	.0955	.0989	.1245	.0882	.0836
(c) Sheep, Mutton and Lamb:								
Sheep, Ewes, Light.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	5.5000	4.9910	4.8120	4.9330	3.6540	3.3330
Mutton, dressed.....	"	"	*8.4280	*7.1040	*7.2500	*7.0830	*6.5230	*5.9790
Lamb, dressed.....	"	"	*11.4160	*8.0330	*9.4090	*9.4560	*8.0120	*7.4320
(d) Poultry:								
Fowls.....	Lb.	Montreal	.0950	.0775	.0750	.0595	.0790	.0693
Turkeys.....	"	"	.1150	.1025	.0956	.1037	.0890	.0850
III.—DAIRY PRODUCTS:—								
Butter, Creamery, Finest.....	Lb.	Montreal	.2022	.2329	.2337	.2404	.2227	.1989
Butter, Creamery, Solids.....	"	Toronto..	.2111	.2606	.2341	.2393	.2225	.1917
Butter, Dairy Prints.....	"	"	.1467	.1650	.1730	.1913	.1906	.1529
Cheese, Western, Coloured.....	"	Montreal	.0982	.1005	.1048	.1049	.1049	.0888
Milk.....	Gal.	"	.1400	.1400	.1400	.1400	.1400	.1400
Milk.....	8 Gals	Toronto..	.9350	.9350	.9516	.9516	.9666	.9666
Milk.....	Gal.	Victoria..	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200
Eggs, Fresh.....	Dos.	Montreal	.1743	.1630	.1462	.1723	.1437	.1689
Eggs.....	"	Toronto..	.1598	.1531	.1358	.1473	.1258	.1279
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
I.—Animals and Meats (cont'd.)			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) Hogs and Hog Products:								
Hogs.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	3.8680	5.0460	4.8740	4.6250	5.7620	6.6890
Hogs, dressed.....	"	"	*4.9440	*6.2170	*5.9500	*5.6420	*7.0690	*8.5100
Bacon, Breakfast, Eng. Boneless.	"	Montreal	8.9790	10.7910	11.6250	11.2300	12.1250	14.4580
Hams, Medium Size.....	"	"	9.6040	11.2090	11.4180	11.6250	12.2290	13.6660
Pork, Heavy Can. Short Cut								
Mess.....	Bbl.	"	12.3120	13.7700	16.3540	15.5620	18.0200	19.4370
Lard, Pure.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0717	.0672	.0736	.0668	.0926	.1060
(c) Sheep, Mutton and Lamb:								
Sheep, Ewes, Light.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	2.9230	3.1870	3.3540	3.4370	3.6390	3.3390
Mutton, dressed.....	"	"	*4.8750	*5.3440	*5.7080	*6.0000	*6.4580	*6.0000
Lamb, dressed.....	"	"	*6.6840	*7.4720	*8.1660	*8.5620	*9.0830	*8.1250
(d) Poultry:								
Fowl.....	Lb.	Montreal	.0625	.0575	.0662	.0530	.0550	.0510
Turkeys.....	"	"	.0767	.0843	.0940	.0982	.0905	.0905
III.—DAIRY PRODUCTS:—								
Butter, Creamery, Finest.....	Lb.	Montreal	.1808	.1904	.1960	.2035	.2225	.2108
Butter, Creamery, Solids.....	"	Toronto..	.1787	.1817	.1800	.1895	.1877	.1971
Butter, Dairy Prints.....	"	"	.1450	.1357	.1600	.1610	.1809	.1652
Cheese, Western, Coloured.....	"	Montreal	.0854	.0953	.0830	.1047	.1121	.0964
Milk.....	Gal.	"	.1400	.1400	.1400	.1400	.1550	.1550
Milk.....	8 Gals	Toronto..	.9766	1.0516	1.0733	1.0733	1.0816	1.0816
Milk.....	Gal.	Victoria..	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200
Eggs, Fresh.....	Dos.	Montreal	.1569	.1544	.1469	.1711	.1756	.1848
Eggs.....	"	Toronto..	.1200	.1044	.1254	.1449	.1398	.1315

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
II.—Animals and Meats—(cont'd.)								
<i>(b) Hogs and Hog Products:</i>								
Hogs.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	6.5470	5.8330	5.0930	6.2200	6.8120	6.4390
Hogs, dressed.....	"	"	8.5100	8.0600	7.1930	8.5730	9.6580	9.2450
Bacon, Breakfast, Eng. Boneless.....	"	Montreal	14.5830	14.3330	12.9370	14.2500	16.2290	14.9580
Hams, Medium size.....	"	"	13.2700	13.3120	11.8950	12.5400	14.3750	14.7500
Pork, Heavy, Can. Short Cut Mess.....	Bbl.	"	23.0000	22.1450	17.9580	19.9210	21.6870	23.3120
Lard, Pure.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.1104	.1001	.0782	.0927	.1139	.1222
<i>(c) Sheep, Mutton and Lamb:</i>								
Sheep, Ewes, Light.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	3.5830	3.3330	3.4500	3.8930	4.6290	4.7090
Mutton, Dressed.....	"	"	*5.8860	7.5200	8.3620	9.4650	10.8810	10.8080
Lamb, dressed.....	"	"	*8.4250	*7.8210	*9.3440	*11.2710	*11.4320	*11.9720
<i>(d) Poultry:</i>								
Fowls.....	Lb.	Montreal	.0735	.0830	.0791	.0855	.0785	.0895
Turkeys.....	"	"	.1210	.1350	.1463	.1445	.1295	.1335
III.—DAIRY PRODUCTS:—								
Butter, Creamery, Finest.....	Lb.	Montreal	.2104	.2112	.1963	.2271	.2362	.2541
Butter, Creamery, Solids.....	"	Toronto..	.1981	.1952	.1825	.2119	.2225	.2304
Butter, Dairy Prints.....	"	"	.1675	.1681	.1475	.1877	.1973	.2250
Cheese, Western, Coloured.....	"	Montreal	.1069	.1157	.0930	.1120	.1256	.1261
Milk.....	Gal.	"	.1550	.1550	.1550	.1550	.1550	.1730
Milk.....	8 Gals.	Toronto..	1.0833	1.0833	1.1000	1.1000	1.1000	1.1000
Milk.....	Gal.	Victoria..	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2500
Eggs, Fresh.....	Dos.	Montreal	.1922	.1854	.2203	.2141	.2240	.2340
Eggs.....	"	Toronto..	.1489	.1485	.1939	.1727	.1696	.2046
			1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
II.—Animals and Meats—(cont'd.)								
<i>(b) Hogs and Hog Products:</i>								
Hogs.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	5.9500	7.2970	8.4830	6.6150	7.6860	9.0830
Hogs, dressed.....	"	"	8.8800	10.5320	11.7400	9.6770	11.0570	13.0850
Bacon, Breakfast, Eng. Boneless.....	"	Montreal	14.5830	15.4790	19.0620	15.8750	16.7900	19.4800
Hams, Medium size.....	"	"	13.8950	14.5830	18.0410	15.6670	16.0910	19.0300
Pork, Heavy, Can. Short Cut Mess.....	Bbl.	"	21.9160	25.5800	29.3120	23.3750	25.6340	29.6800
Lard, Pure.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.1206	.1387	.1531	.1127	.1339	.1429
<i>(c) Sheep, Mutton and Lamb:</i>								
Sheep, Ewes, Light.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	4.2180	4.0160	4.7440	4.1590	4.8930	5.6065
Mutton, Dressed.....	"	"	10.5230	9.8270	9.0620	8.4380	9.2590	10.3750
Lamb, dressed.....	"	"	*11.1460	12.2500	13.6460	11.6660	13.8500	16.4615
<i>(d) Poultry:</i>								
Fowls.....	Lb.	Montreal	.0812	.1315	.1188	.1133	.0929	.1130
Turkeys.....	"	"	.1356	.1755	.1604	.1754	.1812	.2030
III.—DAIRY PRODUCTS:—								
Butter, Creamery, Finest.....	Lb.	Montreal	.2700	.2537	.2658	.2511	.2936	.2753
Butter, Creamery, Solids.....	"	Toronto..	.2575	.2288	.2393	.2361	.2918	.2731
Butter, Dairy Prints.....	"	"	.2388	.2250	.2185	.2067	.2632	.2353
Cheese, Western, Coloured.....	"	Montreal	.1255	.1207	.1273	.1258	.1392	.1279
Milk.....	Gal.	"	.1900	.1790	.1792	.1792	.1883	.2000
Milk.....	8 Gals.	Toronto..	1.2083	1.2416	1.3000	1.3710	1.5008	1.4742
Milk.....	Gal.	Victoria..	.2500	.2500	.2500	.3000	.3500	.3500
Eggs, Fresh.....	Dos.	Montreal	.2340	.2650	.2680	.2725	.3239	.3511
Eggs.....	"	Toronto..	.1988	.2306	.2260	.2112	.2568	.2429

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	Unit.	Market.	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
IV.—FISH:—								
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cod, Dry, Market Size.....	Lb.	Canso, N.S.	.0400	.0400	.0325	.0400	.0400	.0400
Haddock, Dry.....	"	"	.0300	.0300	.0250	.0300	.0300	.0300
Mackerel, Salted.....	"	"	.0700	.0400	.0500	.0500	.0500	.0600
Finnan Haddie.....	"	"						
Herring, Salted.....	"	"	.0200	.0200	.0125	.0200	.0200	.0200
Lobsters, Canned.....	"	"	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2000
Lobsters, Fresh.....	"	"	.0800	.0800	.0850	.0850	.0900	.0900
Halibut, White, Fresh.....	"	"	.0600	.0600	.0600	.0600	.0600	.0600
Whitefish, Fresh.....	"	Toronto..	.0689	.0702	.0693	.0718	.0691	.0741
Salmon Trout, Fresh.....	"	"	.0693	.0718	.0693	.0718	.0666	.0685
B.C. Sockeye Salmon, Canned..	Case	Victoria...	4.7000	4.5000	4.5000	4.5500	3.7500	4.5000
<i>Dry Fish, Prices pd. to Fishermen:</i>								
Cod.....	Quintal	Halifax...	4.0000	4.2500	3.5000	4.0000	3.6400	3.0700
Haddock.....	"	"	3.0000	3.2500	2.3000	3.1000	2.6000	1.9000
Hake.....	"	"	3.0000	2.2500	1.5000	2.4000	1.9500	1.5600
Pollock.....	"	"		2.0000	1.5000	2.1000	1.8500	1.3000
Mackerel.....	"	"	11.5000	6.7500	7.1000	8.3000	3.0000	10.7500
N. S. Herring.....	Bbl.	"	3.5000	3.0000	3.0000	3.7500	3.7500	2.4500
Alewives.....	"	"	3.0000	4.0000	4.5000	3.5000	2.6000	3.5000
V.—OTHER FOODS:—								
<i>(a) Fruits and Vegetables:</i>								
I.—Fresh Fruit, Native:								
Apples, Good Seasonable.....	Bbl.	Toronto..	2.7650	2.7650	2.0150	2.0620	2.6710	2.2650
	(11 qt.)	"						
Peaches, Leno Covers, No. 1...	(Bskt.)	"	1.0500	1.6750	1.2750	.7850	.7750	1.0875
Pears.....	"	"	.6000	.6416	.6083	.7333	.5000	.6458
	(6 qt.)	"						
Plums.....	(Bskt.)	"	.7833	.6750	.9416	.6500	.7000	.6250
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
IV.—FISH:—								
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cod, Dry, Market Size.....	Lb.	Canso, N.S.	.0400	.0350	.0400	.0400	.0400	.0400
Haddock, Dry.....	"	"	.0300	.0250	.0300	.0300	.0300	.0300
Mackerel, Salted.....	"	"	.0500	.0500	.0550	.0700	.0400	.0700
Finnan Haddie.....	"	"						
Herring, Salted.....	"	"	.0200	.0225	.0225	.0200	.0225	.0225
Lobsters, Canned.....	"	"	.2500	.2500	.2500	.2500	.2500	.3000
Lobsters, Fresh.....	"	"	.0900	.0900	.0900	.0900	.0900	.1000
Halibut, White, Fresh.....	"	"	.0600	.0700	.0700	.0700	.0700	.0700
Whitefish, Fresh.....	"	Toronto..	.0760	.0650	.0612	.0804	.0779	.0756
Salmon Trout, Fresh.....	"	"	.0706	.0612	.0568	.0764	.0775	.0745
B.C. Sockeye Salmon, Canned..	Case	Victoria...	4.5000	3.7500	3.5000	4.5000	5.0000	4.6000
<i>Dry Fish, Prices pd. to Fishermen:</i>								
Cod.....	Quintal	Halifax...	3.0900	2.6000	3.2500	4.1700	3.6600	4.3200
Haddock.....	"	"	1.7000	1.6600	2.3700	3.1400	2.7500	3.3400
Hake.....	"	"	1.4000	2.0000	2.0600	2.6700	2.5000	2.8000
Pollock.....	"	"	1.1400	1.4500	1.9000	2.3300	2.3300	2.3100
Mackerel.....	"	"	8.5000	8.0000	8.0000	11.0000	5.5000	6.2500
N. S. Herring.....	Bbl.	"	1.5000	2.5000	3.2500	3.8000	3.2500	3.2500
Alewives.....	"	"	3.0000		3.6300	4.2500	4.0000	4.0000
V.—OTHER FOODS:—								
<i>(a) Fruits and Vegetables:</i>								
I.—Fresh Fruit, Native:								
Apples, Good Seasonable.....	Bbl.	Toronto..	1.7650	1.8900	2.8590	2.8120	1.9530	2.8120
	(11 qt.)	"						
Peaches, Leno Covers, No. 1...	(Bskt.)	"	.6250	.5875	.6500	.6250	.5375	.8250
Pears.....	"	"	.3250	.3000	.4916	.4583	.3500	.3250
	(6 qt.)	"						
Plums.....	(Bskt.)	"	.5166	.4000	.5916	.5416	.4416	.4916

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
IV.—Fish:—								
Cod, Dry, Market Size.....	Lb.	Canso, N.S.	.0350	.0400	.0400	.0400	.0400	.0400
Haddock, Dry.....	"	"	.0250	.0300	.0300	.0300	.0300	.0300
Mackerel, Salted.....	"	"	.0700	.0700	.0700	.0600	.0600	.0700
Finnan Haddies.....	"	"						
Herring, Salted.....	"	"	.0225	.0225	.0200	.0200	.0200	.0225
Lobsters, Canned.....	"	"	.3000	.3000	.3000	.3500	.3500	.3500
Lobsters, Fresh.....	"	"	.1000	.1000	.1000	.1000	.1000	.1000
Halibut, White, Fresh.....	"	"	.0700	.0700	.0700	.0700	.0700	.0700
Whitefish, Fresh.....	"	Toronto..	.0783	.0854	.0916	.0825	.0968	.1122
Salmon Trout, Fresh.....	"	"	.0758	.0829	.0879	.0827	.0881	.1018
B.C. Sockeye Salmon, Canned.....	Case	Victoria...	4.5000	4.6500	5.7500	5.0000	5.7500	6.0000
<i>Dry Fish, Prices pd. to Fishermen:</i>								
Cod.....	Quintal	Halifax...	3.6800	4.3000	5.3500	5.8700	5.5000	5.5000
Haddock.....	"	"	2.7800	3.0700	4.0400	4.2500	4.0000	4.5000
Hake.....	"	"	2.4000	2.7500	4.1600	4.0000	3.0000	4.0000
Pollock.....	"	"	3.1200	2.7000	3.7200	4.1200	3.2500	4.0000
Mackerel.....	"	"	10.2500	8.7500	9.5000	8.5000	9.0000	10.0000
N. S. Herring.....	Bbl.	"	4.0000	4.2500	3.8500	4.0000	4.0000	3.5000
Alewives.....	"	"	3.0000	4.0000	3.2500	5.0000	5.7500	5.2500
V.—OTHER FOODS:—								
<i>(a) Fruits and Vegetables:</i>								
I. Fresh Fruit, Native:								
Apples, Good Seasonably.....	Bbl.	Toronto..	2.7180	1.9840	2.0150	2.7500	2.8900	2.8120
Peaches, Leno Covers, No. 1....	(11 qt.)	"	.4875	.4750	.8375	.7000	.5625	1.7850
Pears.....	(6 qt.)	"	.4000	.3666	.4833	.4083	.4833	.5833
Plums.....	(Bskt.)	"	.5416	.3083	.6250	.4416	1.1080	.6583
	Unit.	Market	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
IV.—Fish:—								
Cod, Dry, Market Size.....	Lb.	Canso, N.S.	.0300	.0450	.0504	.0562	.0575	.0604
Haddock, Dry.....	"	"	.0300	.0350	.0375	.0433	.0416	.0404
Mackerel, Salted.....	"	"	0.500	.0800	.0866	.0870	.0800	.0766
Finnan Haddies.....	"	"	.0580	.0550	.0580	.0600	.0552	.5375
Herring, Salted.....	"	"	.0225	.0225	.0233	.0250	.0375	.0245
Lobsters, Canned.....	"	"	.3000	.3500	.2950	.3150	.3200	.3683
Lobsters, Fresh.....	"	"	.1200	.1100		.0825	.1275	.1450
Halibut, White, Fresh.....	"	"	.0700	.0800	.0800	.0845	.1033	.1004
Whitefish, Fresh.....	"	Toronto..	.1104	.0991	.1220	.1083	.1130	.1121
Salmon Trout, Fresh.....	"	"	.1000	.0983	.1083	.1117	.1120	.1200
B.C. Sockeye Salmon, Canned.....	Case	Victoria...	6.4000	6.0000	6.2500	7.0830	8.5200	8.2500
<i>Dry Fish, Prices pd. to Fishermen:</i>								
Cod.....	Quintal	Halifax...	3.5000	4.5000	6.0000	6.7500	5.0000	5.5000
Haddock.....	"	"	2.5000	3.0000	4.5000	5.0000	4.2500	4.6500
Hake.....	"	"	3.0000	2.2500	3.7500	4.7500	3.0000	3.5000
Pollock.....	"	"	2.2500	2.5000	4.0000	4.7500	3.2500	3.5000
Mackerel.....	"	"	6.5000	8.0000	11.0000	12.0000	11.0000	9.5000
N. S. Herring.....	Bbl.	"	3.5000	3.5000	4.0000		3.7500	3.7500
Alewives.....	"	"	4.0000	3.5000	5.0000	5.2500	3.7500	3.8000
V.—OTHER FOODS:—								
<i>(a) Fruits and Vegetables:</i>								
I. Fresh Fruit, Native:								
Apples, Good Seasonable.....	Bbl.	Toronto..	2.7400	3.5930	3.1700	4.1770	3.5830	3.1670
Peaches, Leno Covers, No. 1....	(11 qt.)	"	1.0625	.7250	.6320	.9375	.8193	.6395
Pears.....	(6 qt.)	"	.4916	.5416	.5900	.4375	.5575	.4411
Plums.....	(Bskt.)	"	.8333	.5750	.7750	.4875	.4681	.3636

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
V.—Other Foods:—(Cont'd.)			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Fruits & Vegetables:—(cont'd)								
	(6 qt.)	Toronto..	.2000-	.2200-	.1500-	.2000-	.1800-	.2000-
Grapes, Blue.....	(Bskt.)	"	.3500	.3500	.2500	.4000	.3000	.4000
Cherries, Sour Red.....	(Bskt.)	"	.9125	.8500	1.0500	.9125	.8875	.7875
Raspberries, Red.....	Box.	"	.0917	.0950	.1033	.0992	.0917	.1017
Strawberries, Canadian.....	"	"	.1216	.1116	.1206	.0913	.0783	.1133
ii. Fresh Fruit, Foreign:								
Bananas, Yellow, (Crated).....	Bunch.	"	1.8660	1.6870	1.7810	1.6660	1.5450	1.5160
Lemons, (Messinas).....	Box.	"	3.8500	3.8210	3.8130	3.3930	3.9460	4.1460
Lemons, (Verdeillas).....	"	"	7.4500	6.4000	6.0500	4.4750	4.4750	6.4750
Oranges, (Navels).....	"	"	6.1250	5.4160	4.6870	3.8750	3.2550	4.0200
Oranges, (Valencia).....	"	"	5.4500	5.1880	5.4500	4.3750	5.2710	5.1410
iii. Dried Fruits:								
Apples, Evaporated.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.1083	.1185	.0716	.0676	.0964	.0712
Currants, Patras.....	"	"	.0746	.0691	.0640	.0654	.0527	.0479
Prunes, Bosnia.....	"	"	.0566	.0724	.0525	.0774	.0425	.0594
Raisins, Sultanas.....	"	"	.1260	.1575	.1072	.0620	.0697	.0675
iv. Fresh Vegetables:								
Potatoes.....	Bag.	Montreal	.7475	.8313	.5604	.8500	.5950	.4315
Potatoes, Ontario.....	"	Toronto..	.6112	.7950	.4308	.7995	.6020	.4429
Beans, handpicked.....	Bus.	"	1.6310	1.5930	1.2250	1.4080	1.2590	1.4370
Onions, Canadian Red.....	Cwt.	Montreal	2.7500	3.3600	2.1500	2.5900	2.1500	2.1200
Turnips.....	Bag.	Toronto..	.3781	.3125	.4531	.4156	.4468	.4383
Tomatoes.....	(Bskt.)	"	.3613	.4750	.4175	.3313	.3100	.3875
v. Canned Vegetables:								
Canned Corn, Standards 2's.....	Dos.	Toronto..	1.1160	1.1500	1.0330	.9220	.8810	.9330
Canned Peas, Standards 2's.....	"	"	1.2270	1.2820	1.0720	.9440	.8890	.8720
Canned Tomatoes, Standards 3's.....	"	"	1.2060	1.3750	1.0530	.9080	.8620	.8760
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
V.—Other Foods:—(Cont'd.)			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Fruits & Vegetables:—(cont'd)								
	(6 qt.)	Toronto..	.1500-	.2000-	.1600-			
Grapes, Blue.....	(Bskt.)	"	.4000	.4000	.2250	.1925	.3625	.3500
Cherries, Sour Red.....	(Bskt.)	"	.8625	.9000	.6750	1.0000	1.0500	.9125
Raspberries, Red.....	Box.	"	.0741	.0555	.0741	.0850	.0841	.1200
Strawberries, Canadian.....	"	"	.0771	.0775	.0650	.0900	.0918	.1025
ii. Fresh Fruit, Foreign:								
Bananas, Yellow (Crated).....	Bunch.	"	1.5810	1.5930	1.6600	1.6720	1.9270	1.7600
Lemons, (Messinas).....	Box.	"	3.0210	3.0878	3.1070	3.0000	2.7500	2.9600
Lemons, (Verdeillas).....	"	"	4.0960	4.7500			4.3700	4.0400
Oranges, (Navels).....	"	"	4.0000	3.8650	3.0620	3.8250		3.3500
Oranges, (Valencia).....	"	"	5.5500	4.9290	5.5630	4.5000	7.0000	5.1250
iii. Dried Fruits:								
Apples, Evaporated.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0565	.0547	.0889	.0919	.0654	.0629
Currants, Patras.....	"	"	.0471	.0585	.0659	.0558	.0847	.1029
Prunes, Bosnia.....	"	"	.0644	.0650	.0633	.0582	.0733	.0735
Raisins, Sultanas.....	"	"	.0704	.0914	.1068	.1250	.1258	.1114
iv. Fresh Vegetables:								
Potatoes.....	Bag.	Montreal	.3750	.4258	.6396	.5760	.4125	.5329
Potatoes, Ontario.....	"	Toronto..	.3016	.3729	.5858	.7029	.3866	.4270
Beans, handpicked.....	Bus.	"	.8370	.7560	.8870	1.1350	1.6500	1.7080
Onions, Canadian Red.....	Cwt.	Montreal	1.5600	2.0800	2.0100	2.8300	1.8800	2.8500
Turnips.....	Bag.	Toronto..	.3937	.2781	.3843	.4843	.6156	.7031
Tomatoes.....	(Bskt.)	"	.3083	.3050	.3208	.2600	.2500	.3416
v. Canned Vegetables:								
Canned Corn, Standards 2's.....	Dos.	Toronto..	.7140	.6580	.8630	.9760	1.0130	.7760
Canned Peas, Standards 2's.....	"	"	.8890	.7820	.8560	.7720	.8180	.7840
Canned Tomatoes, Standards 3's.....	"	"	.8370	.7650	1.0790	.8660	.8960	.8150

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
V.—Other Foods.—(Cont'd.)								
(a) Fruits & Vegetables (cont'd)								
Grapes, Blue.....	(6 qt.)	Toronto..	.3625	.3313	.2375	.3575	.3500	.3012
Cherries, Sour Red.....	(Bskt.)	"	1.1500	.9375	1.1500	1.1250	1.0000	1.4625
Raspberries, Red.....	Box.	"	.0812	.0910	.1071	.1000	.1067	.1400
Strawberries, Canadian.....	"	"	.1087	.0825	.0950	.1100	.1237	.1316
ii. Fresh Fruit, Foreign:								
Bananas, Yellow, (Crated).....	Bunch.	"	1.7100	1.7620	1.7390	1.8540	1.8930	1.8540
Lemons, (Messinas).....	Box.	"	2.7100	3.5250	2.7190	2.5200	2.8580	3.9810
Lemons, (Verdellis).....	"	"	3.6500	3.9700	3.5000	4.7040	5.7540	5.0500
Oranges, (Navels).....	"	"	3.7777	3.4700	3.1010	2.8888	3.7900	3.3680
Oranges, (Valencias).....	"	"	5.2220	4.9000	4.9000	4.8590	5.0730	4.6250
iii. Dried Fruits:								
Apples, Evaporated.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0892	.0629	.0618	.0698	.1083	.0987
Currants, Patras.....	"	"	.0668	.0636	.0625	.0625	.0682	.0853
Prunes, Bosnia.....	"	"	.0711	.0650	*.0650	*.0550	*.0700	*.0700
Raisins, Sultanas.....	"	"	.1089	.1054	.0825	.0775	.0772	.1375
iv. Fresh Vegetables:								
Potatoes.....	Bag.	Montreal	.7725	.8917	.7705	.6875	.6570	.8400
Potatoes, Ontario.....	"	Toronto..	.7645	1.1170	.9916	.8062	.8837	.9791
Beans, Handpicked.....	Bus.	"	1.6060	1.9120	1.5580	1.7100	1.7470	1.6540
Onions, Canadian Red.....	Cwt.	Montreal	2.9000	2.1400	3.9000	5.7000	2.5900	1.7500
Turnips.....	Bag.	Toronto..	.6750	.6062	.5656	.3531	.3218	.4781
Tomatoes.....	(Bskt.)	Toronto..	.4189	.3375	.4833	.3055	.3916	.4333
v. Canned Vegetables:								
Canned Corn, Standards 2's.....	Dos.	Toronto..	.8510	.9510	1.1890	1.0690	.8520	.9410
Canned Peas, Standards 2's.....	"	"	.8680	.9940	1.1380	.8400	.6950	.8830
Tomatoes Canned, Standards 3's	"	"	1.0600	1.4080	1.1300	1.1960	1.1020	1.1260
	Unit.	Market	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
V.—Other Foods.—(Cont'd)								
(a) Fruits & Vegetables (cont'd)								
Grapes, Blue.....	(6 qt.)	Toronto..	.2937	.2687	.2750	.1844	.1948	.2762
Cherries, Sour Red.....	(Bskt.)	"	1.1375	1.0255	1.8775	1.1750	1.0347	.8670
Raspberries, Red.....	Box.	"	.1300	.1075	.1100	.1466	.1570	.1558
Strawberries, Canadian.....	"	"	.1055	.0833	.0900	.1256	.1340	.1416
ii. Fresh Fruit, Foreign:								
Bananas, Yellow, (Crated).....	Bunch.	"	1.8310	1.9100	1.8330	1.5310	1.6460	1.7920
Lemons, (Messinas).....	Box.	"	2.7920	3.0970	2.9060	3.0360	3.0000	3.7888
Lemons, (Verdellis).....	"	"	4.8330	4.5410	5.5830	4.5500	5.4500	4.8968
Oranges, (Navels).....	"	"	2.8900	.....	2.9300	3.1140	2.7810	3.8500
Oranges, (Valencias).....	"	"	4.8030	3.8380	4.5150	4.6700	4.4700	6.3214
iii. Dried Fruits:								
Apples, Evaporated.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0795	.0791	.0821	.1341	.0979	.0756
Currants, Patras.....	"	"	.0825	.0825	.0797	.0825	.0821	.0768
Prunes, Bosnia.....	"	"	*.0700	*.0825	*.0700	*.0900	*.1000	*.0850
Raisins, Sultanas.....	"	"	.1104	.0791	.0670	.1104	.1216	.1083
iv. Fresh Vegetables:								
Potatoes.....	Bag.	Montreal	.8330	.8060	.9700	1.2090	1.3240	.7372
Potatoes, Ontario.....	"	Toronto..	.9541	.8062	.5830	1.2440	1.4504	.8726
Beans, Handpicked.....	Bus.	"	1.9600	2.1640	2.3330	2.0690	2.8100	2.4400
Onions, Canadian Red.....	Cwt.	Montreal	.....	.....	1.2910	2.0630	3.4440	3.3240
Turnips.....	Bag.	Toronto..	.3937	.3781	.4416	.4563	.5725	.4281
Tomatoes.....	(Bskt.)	Toronto..	.3416	.3437	.4000	.3640	.3600	.6279
v. Canned Vegetables:								
Canned Corn, Standards 2's.....	Dos.	Toronto..	.9360	.8380	.8677	1.0030	1.0490	.9437
Canned Peas, Standards 2's.....	"	"	.9390	1.0520	1.0950	1.3310	1.2650	1.0583
Tomatoes Canned, Standards 3's	"	"	1.1550	.8969	.8767	1.5140	1.5916	1.2500

*California Prunes, size 70-80.

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
V.—Other Foods.—(Cont'd.)								
(b) Miscellaneous Groceries—								
i. Breadstuffs:								
Flour, Straight Rollers.....	Bbl.	Toronto..	4.4850	4.6930	4.3200	3.1560	2.9020	3.6830
Flour, Strong Baker's.....	"	"	5.1560	5.3140	4.5910	3.8430	3.4140	4.0220
Flour, Winter Wheat Patents...	"	"	5.1820	5.3520	4.7170	4.0170	3.5160	4.1620
Flour, Manitoba First Patents..	"	"	5.5390	5.6850	5.0000	4.2450	3.6380	4.2040
Bread, Plain, White.....	Lb.	"	.0200	.0200	.0200	.0210	.0213	.0221
Bread, Plain, White.....	1" Loaf	Victoria...	.0333	.0333	.0333	.0333	.0333	.0266
Biscuits, Soda.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0600	.0600	.0600	.0600	.0600	.0562
Oatmeal, Standard, 98 lb.....	Bags	"	*4.3620	*5.1270	*3.8790	*4.0720	*4.0401	*3.9350
Rice, Patna.....	Lb.	"	.0461	.0525	.0512	.0490	.0475	.0475
Tapioca, Medium Pearl.....	"	"	.0631	.0607	.0537	.0520	.0473	.0466
ii. Tea, Coffee:								
Tea, Good, Common Japan.....	Lb.	Montreal	.1762	.1825	.1700	.1700	.1725	.1758
Coffee, Rio.....	"	Toronto..	.2245	.2225	.1935	.2137	.2166	.2066
Coffee, Santos.....	"	"	.2750	.2800	.2791	.2550	.2208	.2150
Chocolate, Diamond.....	"	"	.2400	.2400	.2333	.2200	.2200	.2200
iii. Sugar, etc.:								
Sugar, Montreal, Granulated...	Cwt.	Toronto..	7.1040	5.9210	4.6210	5.2500	4.4800	4.0920
Sugar, Yellow (in bbls.).....	"	"	5.8380	4.7700	3.8480	4.4880	3.7590	3.4450
Molasses, New Orleans.....	Gal.	"	.7958	.6462	.4075	.3578	.3083	.3083
Honey, White Clover Strained..	Lb.	"	.1160	.0550	.0845	.0804	.0812	.0812
Maple Sugar.....	"	Montreal	.0750	.0687	.0670	.0760	.0679	.0675
iv. Condiments:								
Salt, Fine.....	Bbl.	Windsor..					.6000	.5233
" Dairy.....	"	"					1.5000	1.2910
" Cheese.....	"	"					1.6000	1.2919
" Table.....	"	"					2.0000	1.9900
" Fine, in 3 lb. bags.....	Gross.	Montreal	4.8000	4.8000	3.8000	3.0000	3.0000	2.9250
V.—Other Foods.—(Cont'd.)								
(b) Miscellaneous Groceries—								
i. Breadstuffs:								
Flour, Straight Rollers.....	Bbl.	Toronto..	3.5390	4.0680	4.0140	3.3290	3.3850	3.3000
Flour, Strong Baker's.....	"	"	3.7720	4.6200	4.8100	3.7040	3.8930	3.0020
Flour, Winter Wheat Patents...	"	"	4.1660	4.6000	4.7890	3.8390	3.8310	3.8310
Flour, Manitoba First Patents..	"	"	4.0950	5.0330	5.2080	4.0000	4.1640	4.1970
Bread, Plain, White.....	Lb.	"	.0225	.0225	.0225	.0225	.0267	.0267
Bread, Plain, White.....	1" Loaf	Victoria...	.0266	.0266	.0266	.0266	.0266	.0266
Biscuits, Soda.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0558	.0600	.0591	.0570	.0554	.0591
Oatmeal, Standard, 98 lb.....	Bags	"	*3.0060	*3.1790	*3.9580	*3.7970	*3.4970	*3.8870
Rice, Patna.....	Lb.	"	.0475	.0508	.0552	.0487	.0487	.0487
Tapioca, Medium Pearl.....	"	"	.0415	.0387	.0409	.0427	.0488	.0456
ii. Tea, Coffee:								
Tea, Good, Common Japan.....	Lb.	Montreal	.1700	.1700	.1700	.1700	.1700	.1900
Coffee, Rio.....	"	Toronto..	.1777	.1329	.0993	.0958	.1064	.1118
Coffee, Santos.....	"	"	.2075	.1937	.1379	.1100	.1218	.1039
Chocolate, Diamond.....	"	"	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200
iii. Sugar, etc.:								
Sugar, Montreal, Granulated...	Cwt.	Toronto..	4.5410	4.3500	4.6150	4.6020	4.6940	4.8090
Sugar, Yellow (in bbls.).....	"	"	3.7880	3.8150	4.0230	4.1180	4.2630	4.3610
Molasses, New Orleans.....	Gal.	"	.3125	.2991	.3350	.3525	.2587	.3187
Honey, White Clover Strained..	Lb.	"	.0885	.0700	.0714	.0879	.0881	.0970
Maple Sugar.....	"	Montreal	.0900	.0614	.0591	.0883	.0983	.0900
iv. Condiments:								
Salt, Fine.....	Bbl.	Windsor..	.7000	.7000	.7500	.7225	.7975	.8000
" Dairy.....	"	"	1.3666	1.4000	1.2000	1.2000	1.2000	1.2000
" Cheese.....	"	"	1.3666	1.4000	1.3000	1.3000	1.3000	1.3000
" Table.....	"	"	2.0000	1.9500	1.9000	1.9500	2.0000	2.0000
" Fine, in 3 lb. bags.....	Gross.	Montreal	2.8000	2.8000	2.7700	2.7500	2.7500	2.8250

*Price per bbl. of 196 lbs.

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
V.—Other Foods—(Cont'd.)								
(b) Miscellaneous Groceries:								
i. Breadstuffs:								
Flour, Straight Rollers.....	Bbl.	Toronto..	3.4000	3.4890	4.6430	4.5090	3.3830	4.1830
Flour, Strong Baker's.....	"	"	3.8000	3.9600	4.8500	4.9660	3.9370	4.4770
Flour, Winter Wheat Patents...	"	"	3.9080	3.9680	5.1450	5.3620	4.5620	4.9450
Flour, Manitoba First Patents..	"	"	4.0870	4.3040	5.1290	5.1950	4.4750	5.1700
Bread, Plain, White.....	Lb.	"	.0267	.0267	.0275	.0269	.0244	.0288
Bread, Plain, White.....	1" Loaf	Victoria..	.0266	.0266	.0266	.0500	.0500	.0500
Biscuits, Soda.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0641	.0650	.0650	.0650	.0650	.0650
Oatmeal, Standard, 98 lb.....	Bags.	"	*5.0200	*4.1620	*4.8580	*5.0370	*4.7580	*5.7080
Rice, Patna.....	Lb.	"	.0487	.0518	.0525	.0525	.0525	.0527
Tapioca, Medium Pearl.....	"	"	.0379	.0327	.0342	.0343	.0650	.0712
ii. Tea, Coffee:								
Tea, Good Common Japan.....	Lb.	Montreal	.1912	.2000	.2000	.1858	.1800	.1912
Coffee, Rio.....	"	Toronto..	.0903	.0914	.0948	.1108	.0966	.0925
Coffee, Santos.....	"	"	.1000	.1031	.1143	.1200	.1075	.1053
Chocolate, Diamond.....	"	"	.2375	.2500	.2500	.2500	.2500	.2491
iii. Sugar, etc.:								
Sugar, Montreal, Granulated...	Cwt.	Toronto..	3.1920	3.9000	4.4650	5.1960	4.2880	4.4750
Sugar, Yellow, (in bbls.).....	"	"	3.6020	2.4880	3.9440	4.6870	3.8130	4.1250
Molasses, New Orleans.....	Gal.	"	.2825	.2633	.2708	.3025	.3250	.3250
Honey, White Clover Strained...	Lb.	"	.0918	.0797	.0739	.0752	.1060	.1150
Maple Sugar.....	"	Montreal	.0820	.0831	.0891	.0758	.0852	.0966
iv. Condiments:								
Salt, Fine.....	Bbl.	Windsor..	.8000	.9666	.8583	.8500	.8500	.7308
" Dairy.....	"	"	1.2000	1.2000	1.1166	1.1000	1.1000	1.1616
" Cheese.....	"	"	1.3000	1.3000	1.1750	1.1500	1.1500	1.2108
" Table.....	"	"	2.1000	2.1666	2.1166	2.1000	2.1000	2.1250
" Fine, in 3 lbs. bags.....	Gross.	Montreal	2.8500	2.8830	2.7500	2.7500	2.7500	2.8750
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	Unit.	Market	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
V.—Other Foods—(Cont'd.)								
(b) Miscellaneous Groceries:								
i. Breadstuffs:								
Flour, Straight Rollers.....	Bbl.	Toronto..	4.4080	5.2200	4.9540	4.4500	4.6670	4.5250
Flour, Strong Baker's.....	"	"	5.3520	5.3310	5.0830	4.8330	4.9290	4.6750
Flour, Winter Wheat Patents...	"	"	5.6000	5.5290	5.2400	4.6750	4.9580	4.9670
Flour, Manitoba First Patents..	"	"	6.0700	5.7830	5.6830	5.3130	5.5960	5.3750
Bread, Plain, White.....	Lb.	"	.0320	.0330	.0320	.0276	.0267	.0312
Bread, Plain, White.....	1" Loaf	Victoria..	.0500	.0500	.0500	.0500	.0500	.0500
Biscuits, Soda.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0650	.0716	.0750	.0730	.0700	.0700
Oatmeal, Standard, 98 lb.....	Bags.	"	*6.2370	2.8250	2.4360	2.5540	2.6675	2.4350
Rice, Patna.....	Lb.	"	.0559	.0562	.0583	.0592	.0575	.0641
Tapioca, Medium Pearl.....	"	"	.0579	.0454	.0541	.0658	.0675	.0558
ii. Tea, Coffee:								
Tea, Good Common Japan.....	Lb.	Montreal	.2150	.2291	.2262	.2237	.2250	.2208
Coffee, Rio.....	"	Toronto..	.0962	.0925	.1320	.1950	.2329	.2016
Coffee, Santos.....	"	"	.1254	.1366	.1500	.2180	.2450	.2341
Chocolate, Diamond.....	"	"	.2458	.2500	.2400	.2400	.2400	.2400
iii. Sugar, etc.:								
Sugar, Montreal Granulated...	Cwt.	Toronto..	4.7580	4.7160	5.0875	5.1130	5.3170	4.5960
Sugar, Yellow, (in bbls.).....	"	"	4.3580	4.5160	4.6830	4.7130	4.9170	4.1790
Molasses, New Orleans.....	Gal.	"	.3216	.3241	.2883	.3000	.2883	.2880
Honey, White Clover Strained...	Lb.	"	.1170	.1240	.1094	.1116	.1200	.1137
Maple Sugar.....	"	Montreal	.0883	.0278	.0908	.0930	.0899	.1075
iv. Condiments:								
Salt, Fine.....	Bbl.	Windsor..	.8200	.8200	.8500	.8200	.8200	.8550
" Dairy.....	"	"	1.1900	1.1900	1.2800	1.2800	1.2800	1.2600
" Cheese.....	"	"	1.3790	1.3700	1.4600	1.4600	1.4600	1.4400
" Table.....	"	"	2.1500	2.2000	2.2900	2.2900	2.2900	2.3400
" Fine, in 3 lbs. bags.....	Gross.	Montreal	2.9080	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
V.—Other Foods.—(Cont'd.)								
<i>(b) Miscellaneous Groceries (Cont'd)</i>								
iv. Condiments:								
Pepper, Black, Pure Best.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.2183	.1908	.1375	.1463	.1366	.1100
Vinegar, White Wine, Proof Strength.....	Gal.	Ottawa...	.33-.35	.3300	.3300	.3300	.3300	.3300
Cream of Tartar.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.3120	.3100	.3100	.2870	.2650	.2387
Soda, Bicarbonate of.....	Cwt.	Montreal	2.0500	2.4250	2.4000	2.4000	2.4000	2.4000
VI.—TEXTILES.—								
<i>(a) Woollens:</i>								
Wool, Ontario, Washed.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.2133	.1889	.1783	.1787	.1729	.2123
Wool, Ontario, Unwashed.....	"	"	.1237	.1116	.1029	.1064	.1291	.1291
Yarn, Canadian Worsted, 4-ply.	"	"	.4600	.4600	.4300	.4450	.4450	.4300
Woollen Underwear, Knitted, Penman's, Line 95, Size, 36 in.....	Doz.	.....	7.5000	7.5000	7.5000	7.5000	7.5000	7.5000
Beaver Cloth, 28 os., 55-56 in. wide, No. 4.....	Yard.	Montreal	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
V.—Other Foods.—(Cont'd.)								
<i>(b) Miscellaneous Groceries (Cont'd)</i>								
iv. Condiments:								
Pepper, Black, Pure Best.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.1100	.1195	.1366	.1341	.1791	.1850
Vinegar, White Wine, Proof Strength.....	Gal.	Ottawa...	.3300	.3300	.3200	.3200	.3200	.3000
Cream of Tartar.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.2600	.2495	.2716	.2700	.2700	.2700
Soda, Bicarbonate of.....	Cwt.	Montreal	2.4000	2.3750	2.3000	2.3000	2.3000	2.0700
VI.—TEXTILES.—								
<i>(a) Woollens:</i>								
Wool, Ontario, Washed.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.2037	.2080	.1793	.1472	.1772	.1370
Wool, Ontario, Unwashed.....	"	"	.1129	.1173	.1083	.0904	.1054	.0850
Yarn, Canadian Worsted, 4-ply.	"	"	.4950	.4950	.4500	.4250	.4250	.3900
Woollen Underwear, Knitted, Penman's, Line 95, Size, 36 in.....	Doz.	.....	7.5000	7.5000	7.5000	7.6660	8.1660	7.5000
Beaver Cloth, 28 os., 55-56 in. wide, No. 4.....	Yard.	Montreal	1.2000	1.1375	1.1875	1.4500	1.2500

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	Unit.	Market.	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
V.—Other Foods.—(Cont'd.)								
(b) Miscellaneous Groceries (cont'd)								
iv. Condiments:								
Pepper, Black, Pure Best.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.1850	.1850	.1850	.1850	.1863	.1800
Vinegar, White Wine, Proof Strength.....	Gal.	Ottawa...	.3000	.3000	.2800	.2800	.2600	.2400
Cream of Tartar.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.2700	.2708	.2750	.2750	.2750	.2945
Soda, Bicarbonate of.....	Cwt.	Montreal	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000
VI.—TEXTILES:—								
(a) Woollens:								
Wool, Ontario, Washed.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.1331	.1606	.1856	.2418	.2583	.2341
Wool, Ontario, Unwashed.....	"	"	.0725	.0898	.1108	.1508	.1650	.1362
Yarn, Canadian Worsted, 4-ply.	"	"	.3600	.3600	.4000	.4750	.5250	.5500
Woolen Underwear, Knitted, Penman's, Line 95, Size, 36 in.....	Dos.	.....	7.5000	7.5000	8.0000	8.5000	9.0000	9.0000
Beaver Cloth, 28 os., 55-56 in. wide, No. 4.....	Yard	Montreal	1.2500	1.3000	1.3083	1.3500	1.3916	1.4500
			1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
V.—Other Foods.—(Cont'd.)								
(b) Miscellaneous Groceries (cont'd)								
iv. Condiments:								
Pepper, Black, Pure Best.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.1800	.1458	.1658	.1706	.2075	.2047
Vinegar, White Wine, Proof Strength.....	Gal.	Ottawa...	.2300	.2300	.2416	.2200	.2400	.2400
Cream of Tartar.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.2350	.2350	.2530	.2500	.2325	.2671
Soda, Bicarbonate of.....	Cwt.	Montreal	1.9930	1.9750	1.7500	1.5000	1.4250	1.4250
VI.—TEXTILES:—								
(a) Woollens:								
Wool, Ontario, Washed.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.1529	.2008	.2140	.2014	.1994	.2443
Wool, Ontario, Unwashed.....	"	"	.0871	.1193	.1320	.1381	.1347	.1568
Yarn, Canadian Worsted, 4-ply.	"	"	.5000	.4750	.6375	.5400	.5433	.5720
Woolen Underwear, Knitted, Penman's, Line 95, Size, 36 in.....	Dos.	.....	9.0000	8.9160	9.0000	9.0000	9.0410	9.2500
Beaver Cloth, 28 os., 55-56 in. wide, No. 4.....	Yard	Montreal	1.5208	1.5083	1.5500	1.5500	1.5549	1.6000

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
VI.—Textiles.—(Cont'd.)			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) Cottons:								
Cotton, Raw, Upland Middling.	Lb.	New York	.1109	.0660	.0769	.0832	.0700	.0729
Grey Cottons.	"	Montreal	.1925	.2447	.2162	.2081	.2041	.1879
Cottons, Woven Coloured Fabric	"	"	.3200	.3120	.2980	.3030	.2969	.2690
Prints.	Yard	"				.0670	.0678	.0374
Cottonade, 2 yds per.	Lb.	"						
Denim, black...2 yds per.	"	"						
Denim, blue...2	"	"						
Ticking.....4.15 "	"	"						
Ticking.....1.90 "	"	"						
Shirting.....4.35 "	"	"						
Shirting.....2.95 "	"	"						
Saxony.....6.90 "	"	"						
Saxony.....4.15 "	"	"						
Flannelette.....3.90 "	"	"						
Gingham, Apron, 4.50 yds, per.	Lb.	Montreal						
Gingham, Dress, 7.00 yds, per.	"	"						
C. Warp, 4-10 yarn.	"	"						
Demicord, 2-8.	"	"						
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
VI.—Textiles.—(Cont'd.)			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) Cottons:								
Cotton, Raw, Upland Middling.	Lb.	New York	.0792	.0715	.0597	.0658	.0961	.0863
Grey Cottons.	"	Montreal	.1967	.1892	.1849	.1802	.2051	.2191
Cottons, Woven Coloured Fabric	"	"	.2664	.2623	.2598	.2579	.2546	.2930
Prints.	Yard	"	.0678	.0671	.0709	.0716	.0804	.0774
Cottonade, 2 yds per.	Lb.	"	.2900	.2600	.2600	.2600	.2600	.3000
Denim, black...2 yds, per	"	"						
Denim, blue...2	"	"	.2835	.2700	.2600	.2500	.2400	.2950
Ticking.....4.15 "	"	"	.2900	.2900	.2900	.2600	.2600	.2700
Ticking.....1.90 "	"	"	.2565	.2470	.2375	.2280	.2328	.2755
Shirting.....4.35 "	"	"	.3045	.3045	.3045	.2719	.2936	.3236
Shirting.....2.95 "	"	"	.3062	.3062	.3062	.2400	.2550	.2876
Saxony.....6.90 "	"	"	.3450	.3450	.3600	.2400	.2748	.3263
Saxony.....4.15 "	"	"	.3052	.3052	.3400	.2870	.3000	.3200
Flannelette.....3.90 "	"	"	.3900	.3700	.3515	.3218	.3315	.3280
Gingham, Apron, 4.50 yds, per.	Lb.	Montreal	.2812	.2665	.2762	.2562	.2470	.2765
Gingham, Dress, 7.00 yds, per.	"	"	.2632	.2720	.2640	.2560	.2762	.1600
C. Warp, 4-10 yarn.	"	"						.1550
Demicord, 2-8.	"	"						

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
VI.—Textiles.—(Cont'd.)								
(b) Cottons.—(Cont'd.)								
Cotton, Raw, Upland Middling	Lb.	New York	.0693	.1123	.1210	.0955	.1102	.1188
Grey Cottons	"	Montreal	.2125	.2113	.2458	.2250	.2512	.2315
Cottons, Woven Coloured Fabrics	"	"	.2842	.2794	.2977	.3330	.3105	.3311
Prints	Yard	"	.0743	.0710	.0787	.0735	.0786	.0904
Cottonade, 2 yds. per	Lb.	"	.2700	.2700	.2700	.3000	.3100	.3100
Denim, black...2 yds. per	"	"	.2650	.2700	.3100	.3100	.2750	.3050
Denim, blue...2 " "	"	"	.2650	.2700	.3100	.3100	.2750	.3050
Ticking.....4.15 " "	"	"	.2700	.2700	.2905	.2905	.2600	.2905
Ticking.....1.90 " "	"	"	.2565	.2565	.2850	.2755	.2660	.2945
Shirting.....4.35 " "	"	"	.2936	.2936	.3154	.3371	.3154	.3045
Shirting.....2.95 " "	"	"	.2655	.2655	.2950	.3100	.3100	.3100
Saxony.....6.90 " "	"	"	.3435	.3060	.3240	.3244	.3280	.3450
Saxony.....4.15 " "	"	"	.3140	.3140	.3311	.3631	.3320	.3527
Flannelette.....3.90 " "	"	"	.3280	.3413	.3510	.3412	.3412	.3510
Gingham, Apron, 4.50 yds per	Lb.	Montreal	.2665	.2616	.2844	.3071	.3185	.3071
Gingham, Dress, 7.00 yds per	"	"	.2762	.2762	.3006	.3238	.3325	.2970
C. Warp, 4-10 yarn	"	"		.1425	.1700	.2000	.2000	.2200
Demicord, 2-8	"	"		.1525	.1750	.2100	.2050	.2250
	Unit.	Market.	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
VI.—Textiles.—(Cont'd.)								
(b) Cottons.—(Cont'd.)								
Cotton, Raw, Upland Middling	Lb.	New York	.1046	.1211	.1498	.1316	.1130	.1285
Grey Cottons	"	Montreal	.2498	.2441	.2833	.3088	.2816	.2941
Cottons, Woven Coloured Fabrics	"	"	.3620	.3393	.3846	.3694	.3595	.3818
Prints	Yard	"	.0832	.0854	.0855	.0900	.0883	.0947
Cottonade, 2 yds. per	Lb.	"	.3300	.3100	.3380	.3737	.3387	.3520
Denim, black...2 yds. per	"	"	.3500	.3100	.3050	.3450	.3425	.3533
Denim, blue...2 " "	"	"	.3500	.3100	.3050	.3450	.3425	.3533
Ticking.....4.15 " "	"	"	.3527	.3112	.3112	.3320	.2948	.3035
Ticking.....1.90 " "	"	"	.3515	.2850	.2993	.3420	.3270	.3347
Shirting.....4.35 " "	"	"	.3590	.3262	.3371	.3697	.3362	.3398
Shirting.....2.95 " "	"	"	.3540	.3100	.3245	.3540	.3197	.3281
Saxony.....6.90 " "	"	"	.4312	.3985	.3687	.4020	.3992	.4230
Saxony.....4.15 " "	"	"	.3942	.3631	.3631	.4150	.4150	.4409
Flannelette.....3.90 " "	"	"	.3885	.3325	.3420	.3800	.3452	.3469
Gingham, Apron, 4.50 yds per	Lb.	Montreal	.3226	.3004	.3440	.3938	.3712	.3768
Gingham, Dress, 7.00 yds per	"	"	.2750	.3150	.3268	.3797	.3622	.3723
C. Warp, 4-10 yarn	"	"	.2400	.2000	.2300	.2600	.2542	.2800
Demicord, 2-8	"	"	.2450	.2100	.2300	.2600	.2608	.2800

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	Unit.	Market.	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
VI.—Textiles.—(Cont'd.)								
(c) Silks:								
Silk, Raw, Japan, Filatures.....	Lb.	New York	5.2429	4.0110	4.3266	4.5409	3.3627	3.7855
Silk, Raw, Italian, Classical....	"	"	5.2238	4.1865	4.4826	5.0289	3.6816	4.0373
Spool Silk, 50 yds., "Letter A."	Dos.	Montreal	.6000	.5500	.5500	.5250	.5000	.5000
Machine Silk, 16 os., "Prize Medal".....	Lb.	"	9.6000	9.5000	9.2500	9.0000	9.0000	9.0000
(d) Jutes:								
Jute, First Marks.....	Lb.	Montreal	.0315	.0292	.0362	.0312	.0303	.0263
Hessian, 10½ os., 40 in.....	Yard	"	.0369	.0350	.0375	.0343	.0340	.0326
(e) Flax Products:								
Flax Fibre.....	Lb.	Hensall, O.	.0900	.0875	.0775	.0900	.0850	.0575
Tow, Mixed.....	"	"	.0200	.0150	.0150	.0150	.0250	.0150
Tow, Fine.....	"	"						
Flax, Sewing Twine, No. 1, 4-8 ply and larger.....	"	Doon, Ont.	.1800	.1800	.1800	.1800	.1800	.1800
White Linen Rope, ¼ inch. and larger.....	"	"	.1800	.1800	.1800	.1800	.1800	.1800
(f) Oilcloths:								
Oilcloth, Table, Assorted Patterns, 5-4 wide.....	12 yards	Montreal	2.8750	3.0000	2.6500	2.4000	2.2250	2.0400
Oilcloth, Floor, No. 3 quality....	Sq. Yd.	"	.2500	.2500	.2500	.2200	.2000	.2000
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
VI.—Textiles.—(Cont'd.)								
(c) Silks:								
Silk, Raw, Japan, Filatures.....	Lb.	New York	3.4072	3.4637	3.6376	4.4085	4.1690	3.5132
Silk, Raw, Italian, Classical....	"	"	3.6293	3.6404	3.8768	4.7706	4.5128	3.8466
Spool Silk, 50 yds., "Letter A."	Dos.	Montreal	.5000	.5000	.5000	.5000	.4500	.4500
Machine Silk, 16 os., "Prize Medal".....	Lb.	"	9.0000	9.0000	8.7500	8.5000	8.5000	8.0000
(d) Jutes:								
Jute, First Marks.....	Lb.	Montreal	.0297	.0268	.0265	.0289	.0339	.0308
Hessian, 10½ os., 40 in.....	Yard	"	.0335	.0326	.0306	.0348	.0381	.0402
(e) Flax Products:								
Flax Fibre.....	Lb.	Hensall, O.	.0675	.0725	.0700	.0700	.1018	.0937
Tow, Mixed.....	"	"	.0250	.0325	.0350	.0500	.0500	.0500
Tow, Fine.....	"	"						
Flax, Sewing Twine, No. 1, 4-8 ply and larger.....	"	Doon, Ont.	.1800	.1800	.1800	.1900	.1900	.1900
White Linen Rope, ¼ inch. and larger.....	"	"	.1800	.1800	.1800	.1900	.1900	.1900
(f) Oilcloths:								
Oilcloth, Table, Assorted Patterns, 5-4 wide.....	12 yards	Montreal	2.0000	1.9125	1.7900	1.7600	2.2400	2.1750
Oilcloth, Floor, No. 3 quality....	Sq. Yd.	"	.2000	.2000	.1883	.1808	.2050	.2042

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
VI.—Textiles.—(Cont'd).								
(c) Silks:								
Silk, Raw, Japan, Filatures....	Lb.	New York	3.8224	4.1346	3.6416	3.9912	4.1632	5.0602
Silk, Raw, Italian, Classical....	"	"	4.1085	4.5241	3.8651	4.1085	4.3249	5.5812
Spool Silk, 50 yards, "Letter A"	Dos.	Montreal	.4500	.4500	.4500	.4500	.4500	.4750
Machine Silk, 16 os., "Prize Medal".....	"	"	8.0000	7.5000	8.000	8.0000	9.0000	9.5000
(d) Jutes:								
Jute, First Marks.....	Lb.	Montreal	.0295	.0322	.0327	.0422	.0564	.0498
Hessian, 10¼ os., 40 in.....	Yard	"	.0349	.0359	.0363	.0410	.0506	.0520
(e) Flax Products:								
Flax Fibre.....	Lb.	Hensall, O.	.0825	.0950	.1000	.0937	.0955	.0950
Tow, Mixed.....	"	"	.0500	.0500	.0500	.0450	.0500	.0500
Tow, Fine.....	"	"						
Flax Sewing Twine, No. 1, 4-8 ply and Larger.....	"	Doon, Ont	.1900	.1900	.1950	.2000	.2000	.2000
White Linen Rope, ¼ in. and larger.....	"	"	.1900	.1900	.1950	.2000	.2000	.2000
(f) Oilcloths:								
Oilcloth, Table, Assorted Patterns, 5-4 wide.....	12 yards	Montreal	2.1000	2.1000	2.2375	2.1625	1.9833	2.0400
Oilcloth, Floor, No. 3 quality...	Sq. Yd.	"	.2000	.2000	.2000	.1975	.1800	.1992
			1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
VI.—Textiles.—(Cont'd).								
(c) Silks:								
Silk, Raw, Japan, Filatures....	Lb.	New York	3.8902	3.8396	3.5244	3.4709	3.5470	3.7370
Silk, Raw, Italian, Classical....	"	"	4.1807	4.3777	4.0370	3.9690	3.8300	4.3040
Spool Silk, 50 yards, "Letter A"	Dos.	Montreal	.4500	.4500	.4385	.4000	.4000	.4125
Machine Silk, 16 os., "Prize Medal".....	"	"	8.0000	8.0000	7.6250	8.0000	8.0000	8.2924
(d) Jutes:								
Jute, First Marks.....	Lb.	Montreal	.0365	.0320	.0327	.0472	.0495	.0693
Hessian, 10¼ os., 40 in.....	Yard	"	.0416	.0401	.0402	.0495	.0596	.0701
(e) Flax Products:								
Flax Fibre.....	Lb.	Hensall, O.	.0925	.0900	.0936	.1025	.1088	.1004
Tow, Mixed.....	"	"	.0375	.0150	.0150	.0175	.0200	
Tow, Fine.....	"	"			.0387	.0375	.0566	.0550
Flax Sewing Twine, No. 1, 4-8 ply and Larger.....	"	Doon, Ont	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2091
White Linen Rope, ¼ in. and larger.....	"	"	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2225	.2233
(f) Oilcloths:								
Oilcloth, Table, Assorted Patterns, 5-4 wide.....	12 yards	Montreal	2.1900	2.1000	2.1830	2.2000	2.2000	2.2000
Oilcloth, Floor, No. 3 quality...	Sq. Yd.	"	.2100	.2100	.2225	.2400	.2400	.2400

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
VII.—HIDES, LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES:—								
<i>(a) Hides and Tallow:</i>								
Hides, No. 1, Inspected Steers and Cows.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0529	.0533	.0473	.0427	.0341	.0630
Calfskins, Green, No. 1.....	"	"	.0683	.0725	.0700	.0700	.0595	.0691
Horse Hides, No. 1.....	Each	"	2.7500	2.7290	2.6250	2.2870	1.3250	1.4270
Tallow, Rendered, No. 1 Stock..	Lb.	"	.0548	.0520	.0546	.0607	.0592	.0563
<i>(b) Leather:</i>								
Leather, No. 1, Spanish Sole....	Lb.	Toronto..	.2587	.2737	.2612	.2691	.2550	.2654
Leather, No. 1, Slaughter Sole... Heavy.....	"	"	.2491	.2650	.2650	.2741	.2575	.2662
Leather, Harness, No. 1, U. O. (No. 1 R.).....	"	"	.2829	.2850	.2804	.2900	.2650	.3133
Leather, Heavy Uppers.....	"	"	.3183	.3541	.3250	.3750	.3085	.3525
<i>(c) Boots and Shoes:</i>								
Boots, Men's Split Blucher, Bals., Pegged, Medium Weight....	Pair	Ottawa...	.9000	.9000	.9000	.9000	.9000	.9000
Boots, Men's Box Calf, Blucher Bals., Goodyear Welt.....	"	"	2.2500	2.2500	2.2000	2.2000	2.1500	2.1500
Boots, Women's Dongola Blucher, Bals., Fair Stitch.....	"	"	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
VII.—HIDES, LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES:—								
<i>(a) Hides and Tallow:</i>								
Hides, No. 1, Inspected Steers and Cows.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0564	.0796	.0864	.0875	.0900	.0903
Calfskins, Green, No. 1.....	"	"	.0600	.0975	.1000	.0950	.0930	.0879
Horse Hides, No. 1.....	Each	"	1.5000	1.5160	1.7080	2.0000	1.9160	1.7500
Tallow, Rendered, No. 1 Stock..	Lb.	"	.0392	.0352	.0385	.0481	.0560	.0551
<i>(b) Leather:</i>								
Leather, No. 1, Spanish Sole....	Lb.	Toronto..	.2850	.2600	.2595	.2604	.2820	.2833
Leather, No. 1, Slaughter Sole... Heavy.....	"	"	.2600	.2550	.2645	.2731	.2931	.2883
Leather, Harness, No. 1, U. O. (No. 1 R.).....	"	"	.3150	.2937	.3093	.3116	.3211	.3112
Leather, Heavy Uppers.....	"	"	.2900	.3525	.4050	.4050	.4150	.4150
<i>(c) Boots and Shoes:</i>								
Boots, Men's Split Blucher, Bals., Pegged, Medium Weight....	Pair	Ottawa...	.9000	.9000	.9000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0500
Boots, Men's Box Calf, Blucher Bals., Goodyear Welt.....	"	"	2.2000	2.2000	2.2000	2.2500	2.3500	2.4000
Boots, Women's Dongola Blucher, Bals., Fair Stitch.....	"	"	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500	1.3000	1.4000

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WHOLESALE PRICES, CANADA, 1890-1901.—Continued.

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
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VII.—HIDES, LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES:—								
<i>(a) Hides and Tallow:</i>								
Hides, No. 1, Inspected Steers and Cows.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0922	.0943	.0841	.1033	.1183	.0927
Calfskins, Green, No. 1	"	"	.0966	.0941	.0983	.1150	.1308	.1145
Horse Hides, No. 1.....	Each	"	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500
Tallow, Rendered, No. 1 Stock..	Lb.	"	.0665	.0552	.0452	.0428	.0483	.0562
<i>(b) Leather:</i>								
Leather, No. 1 Spanish Sole....	Lb.	Toronto..	.2908	.2950	.2950	.2912	.2900	.2895
Leather, No. 1 Slaughter Sole Heavy.....	"	"	.3100	.3087	.2950	.3041	.3100	.3316
Leather, Harness, No. 1 U. O. (No. 1 R.).....	"	"	.3258	.3250	.3204	.3404	.3650	.3679
Leather, Heavy Uppers.....	"	"	.4150	.4150	.4150	.4100	.4550	.4525
<i>(c) Boots and Shoes:</i>								
Boots, Men's Split Blucher, Bals., Pegged, Medium Weight....	Pair	Ottawa...	1.1000	1.1000	1.0750	1.2000	1.2500	1.3500
Boots, Men's Box Calf, Blucher, Bals., Goodyear Welt.....	"	"	2.4000	2.4500	2.5000	2.5000	2.6000	2.6000
Boots, Women's Dongola Blucher, Bals., Fair Stitch.....	"	"	1.4000	1.4000	1.5000	1.4500	1.5000	1.5000
	Unit.	Market	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$								
VII.—HIDES, LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES:—								
<i>(a) Hides and Tallow:</i>								
Hides, No. 1, Inspected Steers and Cows.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0731	.1239	.1104	.1196	.1287	.1329
Calfskins, Green, No. 1.....	"	"	.1025	.1466	.1272	.1279	.1566	.1571
Horse Hides, No. 1.....	Each	"	1.8520	1.9950	2.6250	3.0310	3.4170	3.6460
Tallow, Rendered, No. 1 Stock..	Lb.	"	.0542	.0563	.0567	.0572	.0587	.0605
<i>(b) Leather:</i>								
Leather, No. 1 Spanish Sole....	Lb.	Toronto..	.2800	.2890	.2800	.2808	.3145	.3650
Leather, No. 1 Slaughter Sole Heavy.....	"	"	.2083	.3000	.3050	.3091	.3666	.4150
Leather, Harness, No. 1 U. O. (No. 1 R.).....	"	"	.3466	.3658	.3850	.3833	.3895	.3950
Leather, Heavy Uppers.....	"	"	.4366	.4675	.4900	.4900	.5608	.6250
<i>(c) Boots and Shoes:</i>								
Boots, Men's Split Blucher, Bals., Pegged, Medium Weight....	Pair	Ottawa...	1.4000	1.4000	1.3895	1.3250	1.3670	1.5830
Boots, Men's Box Calf, Blucher, Bals., Goodyear Welt.....	"	"	2.7000	2.7000	2.8450	2.9000	2.9920	3.2330
Boots, Women's Dongola Blucher, Bals., Fair Stitch.....	"	"	1.5500	1.5500	1.6160	1.6500	1.7000	1.7920

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
VIII.—METALS AND IMPLEMENTS:								
(a) Metals:								
i. Iron and Steel:								
Pig Iron, Foundry No. 1 N. S.	*Ton	Montreal	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pig Iron, Summerlee, No. 2.	"	"	24.7291	22.5000	21.3125	20.2500	20.3750	21.4166
Iron, Common Bar.	Cwt.	Toronto	2.4500	2.1700	2.1270	1.9870	1.8810	1.7000
Iron, Black, Sheets, 18 Gauge.	"	"	3.4100	2.9500	2.8700	2.8000	2.6400	2.4500
Iron, Galvanized Sheets, 16-24 Gauge, Queen's Head.	"	"	5.6700	5.4000	5.1700	5.1900	4.7900	4.6200
Iron, Tinplates, Charcoal I. C. 14 x 20 base, Bradley Grade	Box of 112	"	6.2700	6.3950	6.1250	5.9160	5.5830	5.2500
Iron, Tinplates, Coke Bessemer, I. C. 14x20.	Sheets.	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iron, Boiler Plates, ¼-½ in.	Cwt.	"	4.4750	4.6080	4.1250	4.1250	3.4750	3.1020
Iron, Wrought, Old Material.	Ton	Montreal	18.5000	17.8330	16.5830	16.0000	16.0000	16.0000
Steel, Cast, Black Diamond.	Lb.	"	.1150	.1150	.1150	.1150	.1016	.0931
Steel, Billets, Mild.	*Ton	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ii. Other Metals, etc:								
Aluminium †.	Lb.	New York	‡2.1666	1.1458	.7083	.7500	.6266	.5300
Antimony, Cookson's.	Lb.	Toronto	.2108	.1768	.1448	.1267	.1042	.1025
Brass, Roll and Sheet, 14-20 Gauge.	Cwt.	Montreal	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Copper, Lake Superior Casting Ingot.	"	Toronto	16.1040	14.7700	13.5620	12.8070	11.6350	11.0000
Lead, Domestic, Pig (Trail). . . . .	"	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lead, Domestic, Imported Pig.	"	"	4.2500	4.0900	3.8000	3.8000	2.9300	2.8100
Mica, †† Size, 1" x 1".	Lb.	Ottawa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mica, Size, 1" x 2". . . . .	"	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mica, Size, 1" x 3". . . . .	"	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mica, Size, 2" x 3". . . . .	"	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
VIII.—METALS AND IMPLEMENTS:								
(a) Metals:								
i. Iron and Steel:								
Pig Iron, Foundry No. 1 N. S.	*Ton	Montreal	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pig Iron, Summerlee, No. 2.	"	"	20.9166	20.4166	18.5000	22.5000	26.0666	21.4545
Iron, Common Bar.	Cwt.	Toronto	1.6580	1.5390	1.5080	1.9160	2.1770	1.8420
Iron, Black, Sheets, 18 Gauge.	"	"	2.4800	2.3500	2.3700	2.5700	3.1500	2.9800
Iron, Galvanized Sheets, 16-24 Gauge, Queen's Head.	"	"	4.2800	3.9800	3.8700	4.1600	4.4100	4.0500
Iron, Tinplates, Charcoal I. C. 14 x 20 base, Bradley Grade	Box of 112	"	5.1250	5.0000	5.0000	5.7080	6.9180	6.7500
Iron, Tinplates, Coke Bessemer, I. C. 14x20.	Sheets.	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iron, Boiler Plates, ¼-½ in.	Cwt.	"	2.9540	3.0750	2.9830	3.6950	4.4750	4.2910
Iron, Wrought, Old Material.	Ton	Montreal	.....	.....	12.1000	13.7220	.....	.....
Steel, Cast, Black Diamond.	Lb.	"	.0839	.0779	.0900	.0843	.....	.0800
Steel, Billets, Mild.	*Ton	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ii. Other Metals, etc:								
Aluminium †.	Lb.	New York	.5250	.3900	.3675	.3612	.3500	.3500
Antimony, Cookson's.	Lb.	Toronto	.0950	.0906	.0998	.1116	.1125	.1091
Brass, Roll and Sheet, 14-20 Gauge.	Cwt.	Montreal	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.7226	16.7840
Copper, Lake Superior Casting Ingot.	"	"	11.7910	11.3200	11.9400	17.6700	16.6100	16.8700
Lead, Domestic, Pig (Trail). . . . .	"	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lead, Domestic, Imported Pig.	"	"	3.4000	3.5000	4.0900	4.4500	5.0800	4.4800
Mica, †† Size, 1" x 1".	Lb.	Ottawa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.0300
Mica, Size, 1" x 2". . . . .	"	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.1400
Mica, Size, 1" x 3". . . . .	"	"	.....	.....	.....	.0500	.1000	.1400
Mica, Size, 2" x 3".	"	"	.0500	.0500	.0800	.1300	.2200	.2250

*Ton of 2,240 lbs. †In 1896 Aluminium was \$12.00 per pound and was quoted among the rarer metals from 1890-1894. ††Until 1896 Amber Mica was not graded but sold "run of Mines" all sizes from 2 x 3 up to 5 x 8. Smaller sizes were discarded until 1899 and 1901, when methods for utilizing them in electrical machinery were devised.

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
VIII.—METALS AND IMPLEMENTS:—								
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>(a) Metals:</i>								
<i>i. Iron and Steel:</i>								
Pig Iron, Foundry No. 1 N. S.	*Ton	Montreal	16.8333	18.4791	16.8541	16.9166	18.4583	21.1458
Pig Iron, Summerlee, No. 2	"	"	21.9583	23.0000	21.2083	19.9500	23.2750	25.2083
Iron, Common Bar	Cwt.	Toronto	2.0080	2.0120	1.7910	1.8540	2.1450	2.3000
Iron, Black, Sheets, 18 Gauge	"	"	2.9200	2.8000	2.4100	2.4000	2.4100	2.6300
Iron, Galvanized Sheets, 16-24 Gauge, Queen's Head	"	"	4.0100	4.0000	3.7000	3.5600	3.8100	4.0300
Iron, Tinplates, Charcoal I. C. 14x20 base, Bradley Grade	Box of 112	"	6.7500	6.7500	6.5000	6.5000	6.5000	6.5000
Iron, Tinplates, Coke Bessemer I.C., 14 x 20	Sheets	"	4.2500	3.9120	3.4250	3.4910	3.8330	4.2750
Iron, Boiler Plates, ¼-½ in.	Cwt.	"	2.5500	2.5500	2.5500	2.5500	2.5500	2.4870
Iron, Wrought, Old Material	Ton	Montreal			10.9330	12.6360	13.0670	15.7500
Steel, Cast, Black Diamond	Lb.	"	.0800	.0800	.0795	.0775	.0775	.0775
Steel, Billets, Mild	*Ton	"	23.3125	23.1250	21.1666	24.2916	27.1458	33.9375
<i>ii. Other Metals, etc:</i>								
Aluminium †	Lb.	New York	.3500	.3500	.3500	.3500	.3509	.3833
Antimony, Cookson's	Lb.	Toronto	.0968	.0885	.0775	.1175	.2344	.2087
Brass, Roll and Sheet, 14-20 Gauge	Cwt.	Montreal	12.1590	13.7525	13.2525	16.1070	19.9110	21.3170
Copper, Lake Superior Casting Ingot	"	Toronto	12.0100	13.6800	13.8430	16.6850	21.2290	23.3300
Lead, Domestic, Pig (Trail)	"	"						
Lead, Imported, Pig	"	"	3.5600	3.4700	3.3400	3.8400	4.7200	5.4200
Mica ††, Size, 1" x 1"	Lb.	Ottawa						
Mica, Size, 1" x 2"	"	"	.0400	.0450	.0500	.0600	.1200	.1500
Mica, Size, 1" x 3"	"	"	.1250	.1500	.1500	.1800	.1800	.2500
Mica, Size, 2" x 3"	"	"	.2300	.3500	.2000	.3500	.4000	.5000
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	Unit.	Market	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
VIII.—METALS AND IMPLEMENTS:—								
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>(a) Metals:</i>								
<i>i. Iron and Steel:</i>								
Pig Iron, Foundry No. 1 N. S.	*Ton	Montreal	19.2083	18.5000	19.1250	19.9170	19.4370	21.1670
Pig Iron, Summerlee, No. 2	"	"	25.0016	20.6491	20.3750	20.0000	21.0000	23.0000
Iron, Common Bar	Cwt.	Toronto	2.0540	1.9500	2.0200	2.0500	2.0500	2.1290
Iron, Black, Sheets, 18 Gauge	"	"	2.5300	2.4500	2.4400	2.4200	2.4910	2.6500
Iron, Galvanized Sheets, 16-24 Gauge, Queen's Head	"	"	3.3900	3.2500	3.6000	3.6000	3.6250	3.7830
Iron, Tinplates, Charcoal I. C. 14x20 base, Bradley Grade	Box of 112	"	6.0410	6.0000	5.7500	6.6670	7.0000	7.0000
Iron, Tinplates, Coke Bessemer I.C., 14 x 20	Sheets	"	4.1290	4.0000	4.0000	4.2290	4.2700	4.5000
Iron, Boiler Plates, ¼-½ in.	Cwt.	"	2.4500	2.2660	2.2000	2.2000	2.3250	2.5500
Iron, Wrought, Old Material	Ton	Montreal	11.5000	11.0000	12.0400	12.5000	12.5000	9.9170
Steel, Cast, Black Diamond	Lb.	"	.0775	.0760	.0750	.0750	.0750	.0750
Steel, Billets, Mild	*Ton	"	29.1458	26.2916	25.9100	25.7080	24.3900	28.5000
<i>ii. Other Metals, etc:</i>								
Aluminium †	Lb.	New York	.3191	.2262	.2270	.2049	.2196	.2401
Antimony, Cookson's	Lb.	Toronto	.0989	.0870	.0800	.0818	.0870	.1079
Brass, Roll and Sheet, 14-20 Gauge	Cwt.	Montreal	13.3800	13.3530	13.3900	13.6580	17.2500	17.1800
Copper, Lake Superior Casting Ingot	"	Toronto	14.1458	14.3540	13.9200	13.3790	17.7290	16.8100
Lead, Domestic, Pig (Trail)	"	"			3.7300	3.8800	5.1700	5.2960
Lead, Imported, Pig	"	"	3.8900	3.6900	3.8500	3.9920	5.2000	5.2670
Mica ††, Size, 1" x 1"	Lb.	Ottawa					.0550	.0550
Mica, Size, 1" x 2"	"	"	.1000	.1000	.1000	.1000	.1000	.1100
Mica, Size, 1" x 3"	"	"	.2000	.2000	.2000	.1900	.1900	.1900
Mica, Size, 2" x 3"	"	"	.3500	.4000	.4250	.4250	.4250	.4250

*Ton of 2,240 lbs. †In 1886 Aluminium was \$12.00 per pound and was quoted among the rarer metals from 1890-1894. †† Until 1896 Amber Mica was not graded but sold "run of Mines" all sizes from 2 x 3 up to 5 x 8. Smaller sizes were discarded until 1899 and 1901, when methods for utilizing them in electrical machinery were devised.

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
VIII.—Metals and Implements— Continued.								
(a) Metals:—Continued.								
ii. Other Metals, etc.—(Cont'd)								
Mica,** Size, 2" x 4".....	Lb.	Ottawa...						
Mica, Size, 3" x 5".....	"	"						
Mica, Size, 4" x 6".....	"	"						
Mica, Size, 5" x 8".....	"	"						
Mica, Run of Mines.....	Ton	"	100.0000	125.0000	150.0000	150.0000	175.0000	200.0000
Nickel.....	"	New York	.7725	.6753	.5693	.4850	.4624	.3719
Quicksilver, per 75 lb.....	Flask.	"	51.4400	44.5880	.....	38.4580	34.8330	38.5830
Silver, Bar.....	Fine Oz.	"	1.0533	.9903	.8755	.7822	.6404	.6627
Spelter, Foreign.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	6.3750	5.9300	5.6900	5.2200	4.4300	4.2700
Solder, Bar, Half and Half.....	Lb.	"	.2100	.1858	.1775	.1700	.1429	.1279
Tin, Ingots, Straights.....	Cwt.	"	25.1800	23.5500	23.5000	22.9500	20.1800	17.2900
Zinc Sheets, in 5 cwt. Casks.....	"	"	6.6800	6.7300	6.5300	5.9100	4.9700	4.7600
(b) Implements:								
Anvils, Peter Wright's, 80-lb....	Lb.	Toronto..	.1104	.1125	.1125	.1125	.1125	.1125
Axes, Standard Single Bit.....	Dos.	"	9.2080	9.0000	.90000	9.0000	9.0000	9.0000
Chains, Coil, ½-in.....	Cwt.	Montreal	4.1980	4.1140	4.0000	4.0000	3.3920	2.8040
Grindstones, 40 to 200 lbs.....	Ton	Toronto..	16.5000	16.5000	16.5000	16.5000	16.5000	16.5000
Horseshoes, No. 1, medium.....	Keg.	"	3.6060	3.6040	3.6330	3.6750	3.7750	3.6000
Mallets, Carpenters' Hickory Round, 6 ins.....	Dos.	"	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Screws, Bench, Wood.....	"	"	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250
Sledge-hammers.....	Lb.	"	.1375	.1375	.1375	.1333	.1275	.1333
Soldering Irons, Base.....	"	Toronto..	.3100	.3000	.2900	.2900	.2850	.2515
Vises, Peter Wright's.....	"	"	.1275	.1258	.1258	.1250	.1250	.1250
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
VIII.—Metals and Implements— Continued.								
(a) Metals:—Continued.								
ii. Other Metals, etc.—(Cont'd)								
Mica,** Size, 2" x 4".....	Lb.	Ottawa...	.1000	.1500	.1800	.2500	.3500	.4000
Mica, Size, 3" x 5".....	"	"	.2500	.3000	.3500	.5000	.5500	.6000
Mica, Size, 4" x 6".....	"	"	.5000	.4500	.5000	.7000	.9000	.9000
Mica, Size, 5" x 8".....	"	"	.6000	.6500	.7500	.8500	1.0000	1.2500
Mica, Run of Mines.....	Ton	"						
Nickel.....	"	New York	.3354	.3468	.3473	.3517	.5020	.5500
Quicksilver, per 75 lb.....	Flask.	"	37.3130	38.5210	40.5000	44.5420	51.0000	49.6160
Silver, Bar.....	Fine Oz.	"	.6819	.6077	.5905	.6050	.6200	.5970
Spelter, Foreign.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	4.5200	4.7900	5.1800	7.2200	6.9000	5.9100
Solder, Bar, Half and Half.....	Lb.	"	.1243	.1145	.1245	.1877	.2110	.1906
Tin, Ingots, Straights.....	Cwt.	"	16.9300	16.0800	17.7300	31.3100	35.1600	31.6000
Zinc Sheets, in 5 cwt. Casks.....	"	"	4.8100	5.3300	5.9100	8.0300	7.2200	6.4000
(b) Implements:								
Anvils, Peter Wright's, 80-lb....	Lb.	Toronto..	.1125	.1125	.1125	.1125	.1125	.1100
Axes, Standard Single Bit.....	Dos.	"	7.5410	7.1250	8.1250	8.4000	7.7910	7.8330
Chains, Coil, ½-in.....	Cwt.	Montreal	2.8540	3.0000	3.0000	3.8670	4.4920	3.7180
Grindstones, 40 to 200 lbs.....	Ton	Toronto..	16.5000	16.5000	16.5000	16.5000	16.5000	20.7500
Horseshoes, No. 1, medium.....	Keg.	"	3.6000	3.3333	3.2500	3.5250	3.8790	3.6000
Mallets, Carpenters' Hickory Round, 6 ins.....	Dos.	"	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Screws, Bench, Wood.....	"	"	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250
Sledge-hammers.....	Lb.	"	.1279	.0800	.0800	.0800	.0800	.0800
Soldering Irons, Base.....	"	Toronto..	.2400	.2400	.2458	.3183	.3700	.3700
Vises, Peter Wright's.....	"	"	.1250	.1250	.1250	.1250	.1250	.1300

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
VIII.—Metals and Implements— Continued.			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Metals.—(Continued.)								
ii.—Other Metals, etc (Cont'd.)								
Mica,** Size, 2" x 4".....	Lb.	Ottawa...	.4500	.4500	.5000	.6000	.6000	.7000
Mica, Size, 3" x 5".....	"	"	.6000	.7000	.7000	.7500	.7500	.9000
Mica, Size, 4" x 6".....	"	"	.9000	.9000	.9000	1.0000	1.9900	1.0000
Mica, Size, 5" x 8".....	"	"	1.2500	1.2500	1.1000	1.2500	1.2500	1.3000
Mica, Run of Mines.....	Ton	"						
Nickel.....	"	New York	.5020	.4000	.4350	.4390	.4300	.4250
Quicksilver, per 75 lb.....	Flask.	"	48 0830	47 3330	43 4090	39 6250	41 3540	41 4580
Silver, Bar.....	Fine Oz.	"	.5281	.5420	.5884	.6100	.6730	.6598
Spelter, Foreign.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	5.6000	6.1100	6.0500	6.9400	7.2900	6.9000
Solder, Bar, Half and Half.....	Lb.	"	.1960	.1875	.1787	.1879	.2450	.2625
Tin, Ingots, Straights.....	Cwt.	"	31 1600	31 9700	30 5400	34 4100	42 6800	43 3300
Zinc Sheets, in 5 cwt Casks....	"	"	6.1250	6.6700	6.6100	7.1250	7.9200	7.8750
(b) Implements:								
Anvils, Peter Wright's, 80 lb...	Lb.	Toronto..	.1075	.1075	.1075	.1075	.1075	.1075
Axes, Standard Single Bit.....	Dos.	"	7.7500	8.3540	8.5000	8.5000	8.5830	9.5000
Chains, Coil, ½-in.....	Cwt.	Montreal	3.8500	3.9190	3.7380	3.2500	3.2880	3.4600
Grindstones, 40 to 200 lbs.....	Ton	Toronto..	25.0000	25.0000	25.0000	25.0000	24.7500	21.6600
Horseshoes, No. 1 Medium.....	Keg.	"	3.5500	3.6540	3.7870	3.8000	3.8000	3.7000
Mallets, Carpenters' Hickory Round, 6 ins.....	Dos.	"	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Screws, Bench, Wood.....	"	"	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250	3.6250
Sledge-hammers.....	Lb.	"	.0800	.0800	.0800	.0779	.0775	.0775
Soldering Irons, Base.....	"	Toronto..	.3700	.3700	.3700	.3700	.3700	.4302
Vises, Peter Wright's.....	"	"	.1350	.1350	.1350	.1350	.1350	.1350
	Unit.	Market	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
VIII.—Metals and Implements— Continued.			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Metals.—(Continued.)								
ii.—Other Metals, etc.(Cont'd.)								
Mica,** Size, 2" x 4".....	Lb.	Ottawa...	.6000	.7000	.6250	.6250	.6250	.6250
Mica, Size, 3" x 5".....	"	"	.8000	1.0000	8.000	.8000	.8000	.8500
Mica, Size, 4" x 6".....	"	"	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0100	1.1000
Mica, Size, 5" x 8".....	"	"	1.1250	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500
Mica, Run of Mines.....	Ton	"						
Nickel.....	"	New York	.4580	.4300	.4400	.4250	.4160	.4045
Quicksilver, per 75 lb.....	Flask.	"	44.6670	46.0000	47.1500	46.0000	42.3120	39.5630
Silver, Bar.....	Fine Oz.	"	.5349	.5216	.5331	.5332	.6080	.5979
Spelter, Foreign.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	5.2000	5.6750	5.9160	6.2920	7.2500	7.0380
Solder, Bar, Half and Half.....	Lb.	"	.1925	.1900	.1996	.2446	.2760	.2873
Tin, Ingots, Straights.....	Cwt.	"	32 2200	32 1600	36 0000	45 1500	49 3330	48 8330
Zinc Sheets, in 5 cwt Casks....	"	"	6.8000	6.3960	6.7500	7.5420	8.0000	8.0000
(b) Implements:								
Anvils, Peter Wright's, 80 lb...	Lb.	Toronto..	.1075	.1075	.1075	.1000	.1000	.1008
Axes, Standard Single Bit.....	Dos.	"	9.5000	9.5000	7.5000	7.5000	7.5210	8.1250
Chains, Coil, ½-in.....	Cwt.	Montreal	3.5250	3.3940	3.3500	3.3920	3.2540	3.4500
Grindstones, 40 to 200 lbs.....	Ton	Toronto..	21.0000	21.0000	21.0000	22.0000	22.0000	25.0000
Horseshoes, No. 1 Medium.....	Keg.	"	3.6160	3.5000	3.7500	4.0500	4.1500	4.1500
Mallets, Carpenters' Hickory Round, 6 ins.....	Dos.	"	2.5000	2.2100	1.9500	1.9500	1.9500	1.9500
Screws, Bench, Wood.....	"	"	3.2680	4.5620	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000
Sledge-hammers.....	Lb.	"	.0768	.0775	.0800	.0600	.0600	.0600
Soldering Irons, Base.....	"	Toronto..	.3964	.2850	.2800	.2800	.2800	.2800
Vises, Peter Wright's.....	"	"	.1350	.1350	.1350	.1250	.1250	.1254

**Until 1896, Amber Mica was not graded but sold "Run of Mines" all sizes from 2 x 3 up to 5 x 8. Smaller sizes were discarded until 1899 and 1901, when methods for utilizing them in electrical machinery were devised.

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
IX.—FUEL AND LIGHTING:—								
Coal, Bituminous, N.S., run of mines.....	Ton	Montreal	2.9620	2.9620	2.9620	2.9620	2.8480	2.8480
Coal, Toronto Bituminous Steam	"	Toronto	4.5000	4.1600	3.9990	4.5800	4.6700	4.6750
Coal, Bit. B. C. Mountain Dis't.	"	f.o.b. mines						
Coal, Bituminous, Vancouver Is.	**	f.o.b. mines						
All grades, clean.....	**							
Coal, Lump.....	**							
Coal, Nut.....	**							
Coal, Pea.....	"							
Coal, Bituminous.....	"	Victoria...	8.3330	8.0000	7.7500	7.0000	7.0000	6.7500
Coal, Anthracite.....	"	Montreal	4.8750	4.9000	5.1450	5.2780	4.9880	4.9450
Coke, Furnace, Connellsville....	"	f.o.b.ovens	2.0833	1.8750	1.8083	1.4792	1.0583	1.3250
Coke, B.C. Mountain Dis't.....	"	f.o.b. "						
Gasoline.....	Gal.	Toronto..	** 2400	** 2400	** 2400	**24.00	** 2400	**23.00
Coal Oil, Prime White, Canadian	"	"	.2000	.2000	.2091	.2100	.2100	.1975
Coal Oil, Water White, American	"	"	.2500	.2500	.2500	.2500	.2500	.2275
Calcium Carbide.....	Ton	Works					76.0000	76.0000
Matches, Eddy's Telegraph....	Gross.	Montreal	3.8830	4.1580	3.9160	3.7000	3.7000	3.6160
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
IX.—FUEL AND LIGHTING:—								
Coal, Bituminous, N.S., run of mines.....	Ton	Montreal	2.8780	2.8410	2.8110	2.8110	3.0750	3.4980
Coal, Toronto Bituminous Steam	"	Toronto	5.2170	5.1250	4.6250	4.5000	4.5000	4.0000
Coal, Bit. B. C. Mountain Dis't.	"	f.o.b. mines				1.8710	1.8067	1.7840
Coal, Bituminous, Vancouver Is.	**	f.o.b. mines						
All grades, clean.....	**							
Coal, Lump.....	**							
Coal, Nut.....	**							
Coal, Pea.....	**							
Coal, Bituminous.....	"	Victoria...	5.7500	5.0000	5.5000	5.5000	6.0000	6.4166
Coal, Anthracite.....	"	Montreal	4.9450	4.9450	4.9450	4.9450	4.9900	5.2400
Coke, Furnace, Connellsville....	"	f.o.b.ovens	1.8750	1.6167	1.6771	2.1854	2.6458	1.9625
Coke, B.C. Mountain Dis't.....	"	f.o.b. "				4.4716	4.2850	4.3583
Gasoline.....	Gal.	Toronto..	** 1800	** 1800	** 1900	.1800	.1700	.1850
Coal Oil, Prime White, Canadian	"	"	.1816	.1800	.1675	.1583	.1500	.1500
Coal Oil, Water White, American	"	"	.2083	.2100	.1750	.1683	.1650	.1650
Calcium Carbide.....	Ton	Works	76.0000	76.0000	76.0000	76.0000	70.0000	70.0000
Matches, Eddy's Telegraph....	Gross.	Montreal	3.5000	3.4830	3.4500	3.3830	4.0110	3.8580

*Ton of 2,240 lbs.

**Estimated by a dealer.

COST OF LIVING

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	Unit.	Market.	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
IX.—FUEL AND LIGHTING:—								
Coal, Bituminous, N. S., run of mines.....	Ton	Montreal	3.5150	3.5880	3.5150	3.2150	3.2150	3.4250
Coal, Bituminous Toronto Steam	"	Toronto..	4.9790	5.8100	4.9300	4.5000	4.5000	4.5000
Coal, Bit. B.C., Mountain Dis't.	"	f.o.b. mines	1.8330	1.9300	1.9480	1.9810	2.0150	2.1125
Coal, Bituminous, Vancouver Is.	"	"						
All grades, clean.....	"		2.9100	3.0200	2.9100	2.9600	3.5700	3.8700
Coal, Lump.....	"		4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.5000	4.5000
Coal, Nut.....	"		2.5000	2.7500	3.0000	3.0000	4.5000	4.0000
Coal, Pea.....	"			2.0000	2.2500	2.2500	2.6700	3.2500
Coal, Bituminous.....	"	Victoria..	6.0000	6.2083	6.5000	6.5000	6.5000	7.5000
Coal, Anthracite.....	"	Montreal..	5.7240	5.9410	5.8080	5.7750	7.7330	5.7660
Coke, Furnace, Connelsville....	"	f.o.b.Ovens	2.6875	2.9125	1.6375	2.2875	2.6750	2.8250
Coal, B.C. Mountain District...	"	f.o.b. "	4.0658	4.4390	4.2391	4.3241	4.3237	4.3575
Gasoline.....	Gal.	Toronto..	.2100	.2300	.1750	.1900	.2150	.1900
Coal Oil, Prime White, Canadian	"	"	.1608	.1850	.1908	.1625	.1595	.1500
Coal Oil, Water White, American	"	"	.1727	.1933	.1987	.1745	.1700	.1683
Calcium Carbide.....	Ton	Works	65.0000	65.0000	65.0000	65.0000	65.0000	65.0000
Matches, Eddy's Telegraph....	Gross	Montreal	4.2000	4.2000	4.4250	4.5000	4.6200	4.7750
	Unit.	Market	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
IX.—FUEL AND LIGHTING:—								
Coal, Bituminous, N. S., run of mines.....	Ton	Montreal	3.6910	3.6020	3.5400	3.5320	3.5320	3.5230
Coal, Bituminous, Steam.....	"	Toronto..	4.5000	4.5000	6.0600	5.5000	5.2500	5.2500
Coal, Bit. B.C., Mountain Dis't.	"	f.o.b. mines	2.1158	2.2080	2.0800	2.3800	2.7500	2.7500
Coal, Bituminous, Vancouver Is.	"	"						
All grades, clean.....	"		3.7400	3.9100	3.9000	3.8960	4.1800	4.1640
Coal, Lump.....	"		4.5000	4.5000	4.5000	4.5000	4.5000	4.5000
Coal, Nut.....	"		4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000
Coal, Pea.....	"		3.2500	3.2500	3.2500	3.2500	3.2500	3.2500
Coal, Bituminous.....	"	Victoria..	7.5000	7.5000	7.5000	7.5000	7.5000	7.6250
Coal, Anthracite.....	"	Montreal..	5.7660	5.6830	6.1250	6.3625	6.3625	6.7420
Coke, Furnace, Connelsville....	"	f.o.b.Ovens	1.7083	2.0021	1.9100	1.5130	2.5200	2.5500
Coke, B.C. Mountain District..	"	f.o.b. "	4.3325	4.4550	4.4550	4.8000	5.0000	5.0000
Gasoline.....	Gal.	Toronto..	.1700	.1700	.1750	.1650	.2008	.2500
Coal Oil, Prime White, Canadian	"	"	.1504	.1550	.1316	.1221	.1358	.1533
Coal Oil, Water White, American	"	"	.1541	.1550	.1504	.1371	.1545	.1583
Calcium Carbide.....	Ton	Works	65.0000	65.0000	62.0800	62.0800	65.0000	65.0000
Matches, Eddy's Telegraph....	Gross	Montreal	4.9000	4.7500	4.7800	4.8000	4.8000	4.8000

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
X.—BUILDING MATERIALS:—								
(a) Lumber:								
Spruce Deals, N.B., merchantable, 3x7, 3x9, 3x11 up...	M ft	St. John, N. B.	9 9583	9 5625	9 7500	9 7187	11 0729	9 5520
N. B. Shingles, Extra.....	M "	"	2 6833	2 8833	2 6958	2 4133	2 2208	2 1916
N. B. Shingles, Clear.....	M "	"	2 1833	2 3833	2 1958	1 9133	1 7208	1 6916
Pine Lumber, all grades.....	M ft	"	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000
B.C. Lumber, average of cut.....	M ft	"	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000
B. C. Fir, 2x4 and up.....	M ft	Winnipeg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
B.C. Shingles, Cedar.....	M	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine, Good Sidings, 1x7 and up.	M ft	Ottawa...	37 5000	37 5000	37 1200	36 0000	36 0000	32 9100
Pine Shipping Culls, Siding 1½ in. and 2 in.....	"	"	15 0000	15 0000	14 9580	15 0000	15 0000	14 0830
Pine, Box Boards.....	"	"	13 5000	13 5000	13 5060	13 7500	13 7500	13 7500
Laths, No. 1 White Pine, 1½.....	M	"	1 8500	1 5330	1 8250	1 7500	1 7500	1 5160
Hemlock, 1 inch.....	M ft	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine, No. 1 cuts and better, 1 in.	M ft	Toronto..	30 8330	31 6250	32 5000	34 5000	34 5000	34 5000
Oak, Red plain, firsts and Seconds, 1 inch.....	"	"	24 0000	25 0000	25 0000	25 8500	29 0000	29 0000
Birch, Common and better, 1 in.	"	"	18 0000	18 0000	18 5000	18 5000	18 7083	23 5000
Maple, Soft, Common & better.	"	"	16 0000	16 0000	16 5000	16 5500	16 3750	17 0000
Spruce, 1 in. x 4 in and up.....	M ft	Ottawa...	13 0000	13 0000	.....	.....	.....	.....
(b) Miscellaneous:								
Bricks, Common Building.....	M	Toronto..	7 0000	7 0000	7 0000	7 0000	7 0000	6 0000
Bricks, Common Building.....	"	Montreal	10 3333	8 3750	8 8333	7 7500	9 0625	8 2291
Bricks, Fire.....	"	"	24 0000	23 3750	21 9370	22 5000	18 5410	18 9790
X.—BUILDING MATERIALS:—								
(a) Lumber:								
Spruce Deals, N.B., merchantable, 3x7, 3x9, 3x11 up...	M ft	St. John, N. B.	9 3541	9 7083	10 3958	10 2708	11 6850	11 5208
N. B. Shingles, Extra.....	M	"	2 0010	1 8708	1 9330	2 5200	2 2250	2 1250
N. B. Shingles, Clear.....	M	"	1 5040	1 3708	1 4330	1 7500	1 7250	1 6250
Pine Lumber, all grades.....	M ft	"	12 0000	12 5000	12 0000	13 0000	16 5000	16 5000
B.C. Lumber, average of cut.....	M ft	"	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000	10 0000
B. C. Fir, 2x4 and up.....	M ft	Winnipeg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
B.C. Shingles, Cedar.....	M	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine, Good Sidings, 1x7 and up.	M ft	Ottawa...	32 3700	32 2500	32 7500	34 0800	36 8300	36 5000
Pine Shipping Culls, Siding 1½ in. and 2 in.....	"	"	14 0000	13 1250	10 7080	12 2700	15 5625	16 0000
Pine, Box Boards.....	"	"	12 5000	12 2500	9 2500	9 2500	11 5000	13 2500
Laths, No. 1 White Pine, 1½.....	M	"	1 1700	1 0560	1 0500	1 2400	2 7650	2 6295
Hemlock, 1 inch.....	M ft	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine, No. 1 cuts and better, 1 in.	M ft	Toronto..	34 1250	33 0000	33 0000	33 0000	23 0000	33 0000
Oak, Red plain, firsts and Seconds, 1 inch.....	"	"	28 8750	28 0000	28 0000	28 0000	28 7500	30 5000
Birch, Common and better, 1 in.	"	"	21 5000	19 0000	19 0000	19 0000	19 0000	19 0000
Maple, Soft, Common & better.	"	"	16 6250	16 5000	16 5000	16 9160	17 5000	17 5000
Spruce, 1 in. x 4 in and up.....	M ft	Ottawa...	*13 0000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(b) Miscellaneous:								
Bricks, Common Building.....	M	Toronto..	6 5000	7 0000	7 0000	7 5000	7 5000	7 5000
Bricks, Common Building.....	"	Montreal	7 7500	7 2708	7 0000	7 2291	7 3229	7 3750
Bricks, Fire.....	"	"	18 2080	19 1660	19 6660	20 8330	21 0000	19 5000

*Montreal.

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
Montreal.			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
X.—Building Materials:—(Cont'd)								
(b) Miscellaneous:—(Cont'd)								
Cement, Canadian Portland.....	Bbl.	Toronto..	2.9580	2.7000	2.7000	2.7000	2.7000	2.6500
Lime, High Calcite, 95-97%....	Bbl.	Hull, Que.	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2000	.2000
Plaster of Paris.....	Bbl.	Montreal	1.5500	1.6000	1.6000	1.5500	1.5500	1.6000
Building Paper, Tarred Fibre, No. 1.....	Roll	Toronto..						
Building Paper, Plain Fibre, No 1	"	"						
Building Paper, Tarred for Roofing.....	"	"						.5000
Building Paper, Plain.....	"	"						.4000
Pitch, Roofing (Sydney).....	Cwt.	"	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.6000
Tar, Crude Coal (pure).....	Bbl.	"	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000
Soil Pipe, 4 in. medium.....	Ft.	"	.2550	.2350	.2150	.1950	.1750	1.1550
Iron Pipe, Black, 1 in.....	100 Ft	Montreal	6.1270	5.2810	4.8750	4.8750	4.2790	3.9000
Lead Pipe.....	Cwt.	"	4.4580	4.7920	5.5000	5.5000	5.3330	5.1670
Red Lead.....	"	"	4.8330	4.8650	4.4520	4.3540	4.1670	4.0420
Red Lead, Dry in 560 lb Casks.	"	"						
Nails, Cut 8-9d.....	Keg.	"	2.7250	2.3950	2.8410	2.8000	2.4980	2.7040
Nails, Wire Base.....	"	"						
Sash Weights.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	2.7500	2.7500	2.1668	1.7500	1.7083	1.4895
Sash Cord No. 8, No. 1 N.....	Lb.	"	.3800	.3600	.3600	.3600	.3600	.3600
Hinges, Heavy, 8 in.....	Lb.	"	.0527	.0493	.0487	.0507	.0441	.0419
Wire, Copper.....	Cwt.	New York	18.7500	16.5000	14.3800	13.5000	11.5600	12.3500
Wire, Iron, No. 7, (Base 6-9)....	"	Montreal	2.7380	2.6540	2.6000	2.6400	2.6000	2.6000
Wire, Cloth, Painted Screen.....	100 Sq ft	Toronto..	2.3000	2.0875	1.9500	1.8830	1.8729	1.8645
Wire, Fencing, Galvanised Barb	Cwt.	"	5.5410	4.8430	4.6770	4.6250	3.7910	3.1140
Montreal.			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
X.—Building Materials:—(Cont'd)								
(b) Miscellaneous:—(Cont'd)								
Cement, Canadian Portland.....	Bbl.	Toronto..	2.6470	2.4410	2.6930	2.7750	2.6880	2.6100
Lime, High Calcite, 95-97%....	Bbl.	Hull, Que.	.2000	.1700	.1600	.1500	.2000	.2200
Plaster of Paris.....	Bbl.	Montreal	1.6000	1.6500	1.7000	1.7000	1.8000	1.8000
Building Paper, Tarred Fibre, No. 1.....	Roll	Toronto..						
Building Paper, Plain Fibre, No 1	"	"						
Building Paper, Tarred for Roofing.....	"	"	.4500	.4000	.3700	.3700	.4000	.4000
Building Paper, Plain.....	"	"	.3500	.3000	.2800	.2900	.3000	.3000
Pitch, Roofing (Sydney).....	Cwt.	"	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	.7600	.8500
Tar, Crude Coal (pure).....	Bbl.	"	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	3.5400	3.5000
Soil Pipe, 4 in. medium.....	Ft.	"	.1550	.1700	.1800	.1800	5.1800	.1800
Iron Pipe, Black, 1 in.....	100 Ft	Montreal	3.9000	3.9300	3.8500	4.7500	5.2260	4.5360
Lead Pipe.....	Cwt.	"	5.0000	5.0190	5.1570	5.6230	5.3500	5.2500
Red Lead.....	"	"	4.1250	4.1720	4.3125	4.5680	5.2500	5.2730
Red Lead, Dry in 560 lb Casks.	"	"						
Nails, Cut 8-9d.....	Keg.	"	3.0870	2.1290	2.4580	2.7790	3.3120	3.0830
Nails, Wire Base.....	"	"		2.0093	1.8666	2.6521	3.1479	2.7937
Sash Weights.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	1.4375	1.4375	1.5104	1.2250	3.2500	2.7916
Sash Cord No. 8, No. 1 N.....	Lb.	"	.3600	.3600	.3516	.3500	.2650	.2650
Hinges, Heavy, 8 in.....	Lb.	"	.0425	.0425	.0425	.0464	.0530	.0562
Wire, Copper.....	Cwt.	New York	13.5600	13.7500	13.7500	18.2500	18.0000	18.1500
Wire, Iron, No. 7, (Base 6-9)....	"	Montreal	2.6000	2.6000	2.6000	2.7500	3.1670	2.8000
Wire, Cloth, Painted Screen.....	100 Sq ft	Toronto..	1.5333	1.3750	1.2125	1.5000	1.9580	1.3625
Wire, Fencing, Galvanised Barb	Cwt.	"	3.0140	2.5160	1.6680	2.9720	3.3680	3.0580

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
X.—Buildings Material—(Cont'd.)								
<i>(b) Miscellaneous—(Cont'd.)</i>								
Cement, Canadian Portland....	Bbl.	Toronto..	2.5750	2.4750	2.0350	1.8680	1.9830	2.0560
Lime, High Calcite, 95-97%....	Bus.	Hull, Que.	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2200	.2300	.2300
Plaster of Paris.....	Bbl.	Montreal	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000	2.0000	2.0000	2.1000
Building Paper, Tarred Fibre, No. 1.....	Roll	Toronto..			.6500	.6500	.6500	.6500
Building Paper, Plain Fibre, No. 1.....	"	"			.5500	.5500	.5500	.5500
Building Paper, Tarred for Roofing.....	"	"	.4500	.5000	.5000	.5000	.4800	.4500
Building Paper, Plain.....	"	"	.3500	.4000	.4000	.4000	.3700	.4500
Pitch, Roofing, (Sydney).....	Cwt.	"	.8500	1.0291	1.0583	.8875	.8500	.8500
Tar, Crude Coal (pure).....	Bbl.	"	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000
Soil Pipe, 4 in. medium.....	Ft.	"	.1800	.2100	.2100	.2100	.2100	.2050
Iron Pipe, Black 1 in.....	100 ft.	Montreal	4.8250	4.8000	4.3890	4.3500	5.2380	4.9880
Lead Pipe.....	Cwt.	"	4.5630	4.6580	4.5680	4.9670	5.4420	6.6500
Red Lead.....	Cwt.	"	5.2500	5.2500	5.3540	4.9690	5.3020	6.2190
Red Lead, Dry in 560 lb. casks.	"	"	4.2500	4.3750	4.3750	4.5000	5.5000	6.1250
Nails, Cut, 8-9d.....	Keg.	"	3.0830	3.1000	2.9750	3.0250	3.0250	2.8750
Nails, Wire Base.....	"	"	2.5146	2.4000	2.3500	2.2416	2.1083	2.4291
Sash Weights.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	2.4166	2.4687	2.1458	2.1250	2.1250	2.1250
Sash Cord, No. 8, No. 1 N.....	Lb.	"	.2650	.2495	.2854	.2900	.3100	.3100
Hinges, Heavy 8 in.....	Lb.	"	.0562	.0562	.0562	.0562	.0554	.0548
Wire, Copper.....	Cwt.	New York	13.2600	14.9700	14.3800	17.0200	21.0800	24.0200
Wire, Iron, No. 7 (Base 6-9).....	"	Montreal	2.7670	2.5000	2.4710	2.1500	2.1500	2.2750
Wire, Cloth, Painted Screen.....	100 Sq.ft	Toronto..	1.3350	1.4666	1.5000	1.5000	1.4850	1.6666
Wire, Fencing, Galvanised Barb	Cwt.	"	2.9830	2.8080	2.7000	2.6350	2.6370	2.9580
	Unit.	Market.	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
X.—Buildings Material—(Cont'd.)								
<i>(b) Miscellaneous—(Cont'd.)</i>								
Cement, Canadian Portland....	Bbl.	Toronto..	2.0875	1.7000	1.6200	1.6500	1.4970	1.5080
Lime, High Calcite, 95-97%....	Bus.	Hull, Que.	.2300	.2400	.2400	.2400	.2500	.2800
Plaster of Paris.....	Bbl.	Montreal	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0250	2.1000	2.1000
Building Paper, Tarred Fibre, No. 1.....	Roll	Toronto..	.6000	.5500	.5500	.5500	.5500	.6200
Building Paper, Plain Fibre, No. 1.....	"	"	.5000	.4500	.4500	.4500	.4500	.5000
Building Paper, Tarred for Roofing.....	"	"	.4000	.4000	.4000	.4000	.4000	.4300
Building Paper, Plain.....	"	"	.3400	.3200	.3000	.3000	.3000	.3500
Pitch, Roofing, (Sydney).....	Cwt.	"	.7479	.7000	.7000	.7000	.7125	.8500
Tar, Crude Coal (pure).....	Bbl.	"	3.5400	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5830	4.5000
Soil Pipe, 4 in. medium.....	Ft.	"	.2050	.2050	.1851	.1711	.1862	.2375
Iron Pipe, Black 1 in.....	100 ft.	Montreal	5.3000	4.8500	4.4000	4.4000	4.1850	4.7030
Lead Pipe.....	Cwt.	"	5.7750	5.0310	5.2060	4.9583	5.5070	6.6880
Red Lead.....	Cwt.	"	6.1250	5.3000	5.2000	5.2000		
Red Lead, Dry in 560 lb. casks.	"	"	5.2500	4.3750	4.6250	4.2500	4.9000	6.1170
Nails, Cut, 8-9d.....	Keg.	"	3.0830	2.9250	2.8500	2.5500	2.5830	2.7420
Nails, Wire Base.....	"	"	2.2750	2.2666	2.3500	2.3375	2.3420	2.2420
Sash Weights.....	Cwt.	Toronto..	2.1291	2.2500	2.2080	2.2500	2.2500	2.2125
Sash Cord, No. 8, No. 1N.....	Lb.	"	.3016	.2762	.3373	.3258	.3300	.3012
Hinges, Heavy 8 in.....	Lb.	"	.0625	.0627	.0650	.0650	.0650	.0650
Wire, Copper.....	Cwt.	New York	15.1900	14.8300	14.3500	13.8300	17.6150	17.0310
Wire, Iron, No. 7 (Base 6-9).....	"	Montreal	2.3000	2.3000	2.3380	2.3500	2.2750	2.3000
Wire, Cloth, Painted Screen.....	100 Sq.ft	Toronto..	1.7100	1.6958	1.6500	1.6500	1.6250	1.5420
Wire, Fencing, Galvanised Barb	Cwt.	"	3.0000	2.6160	2.4750	2.4500	2.4430	2.4354

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	Unit.	Market.	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
X.—Building Materials:—(Cont'd.)								
<i>(c) Paints, Oils and Glass:</i>								
White Lead, Pure, Ground in Oil.	Cwt.	Toronto...	5.9360	5.6140	5.2700	4.5360	4.6420	4.6970
Linseed, Oil, Raw.	Gal.	Montreal	.6745	.6304	.5779	.6058	.5758	.6154
Linseed Oil, Boiled.	"	"	.6904	.6395	.5941	.6354	.6050	.5970
Turpentine.	"	Toronto...	.6233	.5887	.5187	.4962	.4737	.4227
Benzine, Canadian.	"	Montreal	.1450	.1375	.1383	.1406	.1450	.1502
Venetian Red, Dry (in bbls.)	Cwt.	Toronto...	1.7500	1.7250	1.7000	1.7620	1.8500	1.8500
Paris Green, Eng. and Can.	Lb.	"	.1704	.1637	.1441	.1410	.1425	.1702
Rosin, White, in 280 lb. lots	"	Montreal	2.8540	2.8660	2.8830	2.8000	2.7000	2.7000
Prepared Paint, first quality "Pure" in tins.	Gal.	Toronto...	1.1060	1.0750	1.0950	1.1660	1.0330	1.0060
Shellac, Pure Orange (in bbls.)	"	"	2.2000	2.1000	2.0000	2.0210	2.0000	2.0520
Varnish, No. 1, Furniture (bbls.)	"	"	.7000	.7000	.6580	.6750	.6900	.6900
Glue, Domestic, Broken Sheet.	Lb.	Montreal	.1267	.1200	.1229	.1250	.1250	.1200
Glass, Window "Star," under 26 in. (first break).	Box.	Toronto...	4.1370	3.1700	2.6750	2.6660	2.3160	2.1830
Putty, Ordinary, (in drums)	Cwt.	"	2.1250	2.1250	2.1250	2.1250	1.9960	1.8750
XI.—HOUSE FURNISHINGS:—								
<i>(a) Furniture:</i>								
Chairs, Kitchen, Common Spindle.	Doz.	Ottawa...	2.4000	2.4000	2.4000	2.4000	2.5200	2.5200
Tables, Kitchen, 4 ft. with drawer.	"	"	12.0000	12.0000	12.0000	12.0000	12.0000	13.2000
Tables, Hardwood, Extension.	Each	"	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.5000	5.6000	5.5000
Sideboards, Hardwood, with bevelled mirror, 16"x28"	Each	"	7.0000	7.0000	7.5000	7.5000	7.5000	7.7500
Bedroom Suite, Hardwood, Two- piece (Dresser with mirror 18"x36", and Washstand).	Set	"	11.0000	11.0000	11.5000	11.5000	12.0000	12.0000
Iron Beds, continuous pillar, 4' wide, No. 504.	Each	Waterville, Que.	6.5100	6.5100	6.0800	6.0800	6.0600	4.1200
			1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
X.—Building Materials:—(Cont'd.)								
<i>(c) Paints, Oils and Glass:</i>								
White Lead, Pure, Ground in Oil.	Cwt.	Toronto...	4.5100	5.4580	5.0666	6.0930	6.7810	6.3640
Linseed, Oil, Raw.	Gal.	Montreal	.5241	.4316	.4766	.5479	.7550	.7727
Linseed Oil, Boiled.	"	"	.5445	.4625	.5062	.5750	.8037	.8209
Turpentine.	"	Toronto...	.4231	.4491	.4866	.6808	.7116	.5600
Benzine, Canadian.	"	Montreal	.1537	.1412	.1350	.1631	.2354	.2104
Venetian Red, Dry (in bbls.)	Cwt.	Toronto...	1.8500	1.8500	1.8500	1.8500	1.8500	1.7930
Paris Green, Eng. and Can.	Lb.	"	.1641	.1520	.1770	.1462	.1987	.1660
Resin, White, in 280 lb. lots	"	Montreal	2.8500	4.0000	4.2000	4.2000	4.2000	4.2000
Prepared Paint, first quality "Pure" in tins.	Gal.	Toronto...	1.0580	1.0000	1.0000	1.0660	1.1750	1.2450
Shellac, Pure Orange (in bbls.)	"	"	2.1100	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0910	2.0700
Varnish, No. 1, Furniture (bbls.)	"	"	.6900	.6530	.6500	.5810	.8625	.8950
Glue, Domestic Broken Sheet.	Lb.	Montreal	.1250	.1250	.1250	.1366	.1400	.1400
Glass, Window "Star," under 26 in. (first break).	Box.	Toronto...	2.3750	2.3200	2.9660	3.7290	4.0870	4.1200
Putty, Ordinary, (in drums)	Cwt.	"	1.9020	1.9620	1.8700	1.9500	2.1250	2.1500
XI.—HOUSE FURNISHINGS:—								
<i>(a) Furniture:</i>								
Chairs, Kitchen, Common Spindle.	Doz.	Ottawa...	2.5200	2.6400	2.6400	2.6400	2.6400	2.6400
Tables, Kitchen, 4 ft. with drawer.	"	"	13.2000	15.0000	15.0000	15.0000	16.8000	16.8000
Tables, Hardwood, Extension.	Each	"	6.0000	6.0000	6.0000	6.0000	7.0000	7.0000
Sideboards, Hardwood, with bevelled mirror, 16"x28"	Each	"	7.7500	8.2500	8.2500	9.0000	9.0000	9.0000
Bedroom Suite, Hardwood, Two- piece (Dresser with mirror 18"x36", and Washstand).	Set	"	12.0000	13.0000	13.0000	13.0000	14.0000	14.0000
Iron Beds, continuous pillar, 4' wide, No. 504.	Each	Waterville, Que.	4.1200	4.1200	4.0100	4.0100	5.9400	4.8100

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
XI.—House Furnishings.—(Cont'd.)								
<i>(b) Crockery and Glassware:</i>								
Glass ware, Tank Glass Tumbler, (½ pint.).....	Dos.	Ottawa...	.2500	.2500	.2400	.2400	.2400	.2400
Earthenware, Printed Toilet Sets, 10 pieces.....	Each	"	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.4000	1.4000	1.3500
Earthenware, White, Cups and Saucers.....	Dos. Pairs	"	.4400	.4400	.4400	.4200	.4200	.4000
Earthenware, Printed, Dinner Sets, 97 pieces.....	Each	"	4.1500	4.1500	4.1000	4.1000	4.1000	4.1000
<i>(c) Table Cutlery:</i>								
Table Knives, Celluloid Handles, Medium Size.....	Dos.	Ottawa...	1.3500	1.3500	1.3500	1.3500	1.3500	1.3500
Silver-plated Ware, 6 dwt., Medium Knives and Forks.	Dos.	"	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500
<i>(d) Kitchen Furnishings:</i>								
Pails, Wooden, 3 hoop.....	Dos.	Toronto..	1.8660	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000	1.8330	1.6620
Tubs, Wooden, No. O.....	"	Montreal	9.2500	9.5000	9.5000	9.5000	9.1660	8.5410
Brooms, 4 string.....	"	Toronto..	2.9000	2.9000	3.2000	3.3900	3.4500	3.4500
XI.—House Furnishings.—(Cont'd.)								
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
<i>(b) Crockery and Glassware:</i>								
Glass ware, Tank Glass Tumbler, (½ pint.).....	Dos.	Ottawa...	.2400	.2400	.2300	.2200	.2500	.2500
Earthenware, Printed Toilet Sets, 10 pieces.....	Each	"	1.3000	1.3000	1.3500	1.3500	1.3000	1.3000
Earthenware, White, Cups and Saucers.....	Dos. Pairs	"	.4000	.4200	.4400	.4400	.4400	.4400
Earthenware, Printed, Dinner Sets, 97 pieces.....	Each	"	4.0000	4.0000	3.9500	3.9500	3.9500	3.9500
<i>(c) Table Cutlery:</i>								
Table Knives, Celluloid Handles, Medium Size.....	Dos.	Ottawa...	1.3500	1.3500	1.3500	1.3500	1.2200	1.2200
Silver-plated Ware, 6 dwt., Medium Knives and Forks.	Dos.	"	2.1500	2.1500	2.1500	2.1500	2.1500	2.1500
<i>(d) Kitchen Furnishings:</i>								
Pails, Wooden, 3 hoop.....	Dos.	Toronto..	1.6200	1.6000	1.6000	1.7040	2.0500	2.0500
Tubs, Wooden, No. O.....	"	Montreal	8.2500	8.0000	8.0000	8.5830	10.6250	9.4160
Brooms, 4 string.....	"	Toronto..	3.4500	3.4500	3.3900	3.3900	4.3000	4.1000

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
XI.—House Furnishings. (Cont'd.)								
<i>(b) Crockery and Glassware:</i>								
Glassware, Tank Glass Tumbler, (½ pint).....	Doz.	Ottawa...	.2500	.2500	.2300	.2200	.2200	.2200
Earthenware, Printed Toilet Sets, 10 pieces.....	Each	"	1.3500	1.3500	1.3000	1.1800	1.2800	1.3300
Earthenware, White, Cups and Saucers.....	Doz. Pairs	"	.4400	.4400	.4400	.4500	.4900	.5100
Earthenware Printed Dinner Sets, 97 Pieces.....	Each	"	3.9500	3.9600	3.9000	3.9000	3.8000	3.8500
<i>(c) Table Cutlery:</i>								
Table Knives, Celluloid Handles, Medium Size.....	Doz.	Ottawa...	1.2200	1.2200	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500	1.3500
Silver-plated Ware, 6 dwt., Medium Knives and Forks.	Doz.	"	2.1500	2.1500	2.1500	2.1500	2.1500	1.4000
<i>(d) Kitchen Furnishings:</i>								
Pails, Wooden, 3 hoop.....	Doz.	Toronto..	1.7160	1.7500	1.9500	2.0900	2.0500	2.0500
Tubs, Wooden, No. O.....	"	Montreal	9.1875	9.5000	11.3750	11.5000	10.7500	10.7910
Brooms, 4 string.....	"	Toronto..	4.1000	4.1000	4.4000	4.1800	3.9700	3.7400
	Unit.	Market	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
XI.—House Furnishings. (Cont'd.)								
<i>(b) Crockery and Glassware:</i>								
Glassware, Tank Glass Tumbler, (½ pint).....	Doz.	Ottawa...	.2400	.1900	.2100	.2100	.2100	.2100
Earthenware, Printed Toilet Sets, 10 pieces.....	Each	"	1.3500	1.2700	1.3500	1.3500	1.4400	1.8556
Earthenware, White, Cups and Saucers.....	Doz. Pairs	"	.5200	.5100	.5100	.5100	.5429	.7291
Earthenware Printed Dinner Sets, 97 Pieces.....	Each	"	4.0000	3.7500	3.7500	3.7500	3.9630	5.3080
<i>(c) Table Cutlery:</i>								
Table Knives, Celluloid Handles, Medium Size.....	Doz.	Ottawa...	1.2000	1.0500	1.0500	1.0500	1.0960	1.1000
Silver-plated Ware, 6 dwt., Medium Knives and Forks.	Doz.	"	1.4000	1.4000	1.4000	1.4000	1.4000	1.4000
<i>(d) Kitchen Furnishings:</i>								
Pails, Wooden, 3 hoop.....	Doz.	Toronto..	2.0500	2.0500	2.0500	2.0500	2.0500	2.1500
Tubs, Wooden, No. O.....	"	Montreal	11.0000	10.8330	10.5000	10.5000	10.5000	10.5000
Brooms, 4 string.....	"	Toronto..	3.8300	4.2300	4.6800	4.3710	4.6800	4.4630

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	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
XII.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—								
Alcohol, 65 O.P.	Gal.	Toronto	\$ 3.3440	\$ 3.6650	\$ 3.8310	\$ 3.8500	\$ 3.8500	\$ 4.0360
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 1 Standard	"	"	1.1800	1.1800	1.1800	1.0800	1.0800	1.0800
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 1 Special	"	"	-1.2000	-1.2000	-1.2000	-1.1000	-1.1000	-1.1000
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 2 Standard	"	"	1.6000	1.6000	1.6000	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 2 Special	"	"						
Alum, Lump	Cwt.	Montreal	1.6750	1.8250	1.8020	1.7080	1.8750	1.8120
Bleaching Powder	"	"	2.0680	2.3560	2.5100	2.7700	2.7060	2.6250
Borax Powder	Lb.	Toronto	.1300	.1250	.1090	.1100	.1100	.0830
Brimstone	Cwt.	Montreal	2.2500	2.3430	2.4060	2.2290	2.0000	2.0000
Caustic Soda, 60 degrees	"	"	2.3600	2.6720	2.6000	2.5450	2.3430	2.0790
Copperas	"	"	.8500	1.3950	.9370	.8750	.8750	.8750
Glycerine	Lb.	"	2.2370	.2114	.1940	.1830	.1840	.1840
Muriatic Acid, Commercial	"	Toronto	0.0325	0.0325	0.0325	0.0325	0.0325	0.0325
Opium, Crude	Lb.	Montreal	4.5720	4.2280	3.8750	3.8750	4.2500	4.5830
Quinine, Howard's	Oz.	Toronto	.4860	.4000	.3670	.3570	.3700	4.4000
Soda Ash	Cwt.	Montreal	1.8040	2.0250	2.0250	1.7750	1.7500	1.7500
Sulphuric Acid (Com.)	Lb.	Toronto	.0250	.0250	.0250	.0250	.0250	.0250
Carbolic Acid Crystall	"	"	.5160	.2920	.2750	.3440	.2730	.2500
Indigo, Natural	"	Montreal	.9377	1.1000	1.0392	1.3433	1.2622	1.1811
XIII.—MISCELLANEOUS.—								
(a) Furs:								
Mink, Dark	Per skin	Montreal	.9330	1.6870	1.5000	1.8700	1.5410	1.0000
Muskrat, Best Winter & Fall	"	"	.1766	.1491	.1500	.1725	.1441	.0800
Raccoon, (Chat Sauvage)	"	"	.6450	.5910	.6000	.9000	.9450	.9500
Skunk, Black, Canadian	"	"	.6790	.9870	1.2500	1.2500	1.2290	1.0000
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
XII.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—								
Alcohol, 65 O.P.	Gal.	Toronto	\$ 4.1700	\$ 4.4010	\$ 4.5200	\$ 4.5200	\$ 4.5200	\$ 4.5300
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 1 Standard	"	"	1.0800	1.0800	1.0800	1.0800	1.0800	1.0800
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 1 Special	"	"	-1.1000	-1.1000	-1.1000	-1.1000	-1.1000	-1.1000
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 2 Standard	"	"	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 2 Special	"	"						
Alum, Lump	Cwt.	Montreal	1.7500	1.7500	1.5250	1.4500	1.4500	1.4570
Bleaching Powder	"	"	2.5100	2.3500	2.2630	2.1870	3.0730	2.5790
Borax Powder	Lb.	Toronto	.0700	.0700	.0520	.0520	.0540	.0500
Brimstone	Cwt.	Montreal	2.0000	2.0000	2.3330	2.2700	2.2500	2.2500
Caustic Soda, 60 degrees	"	"	2.0750	1.9910	2.0000	1.9310	2.3200	2.3850
Copperas	"	"	.8750	.8250	.7500	.7750	.7750	.7750
Glycerine	Lb.	"	.2660	.2360	.2150	.1900	.1850	.1760
Muriatic Acid, Commercial	"	Toronto	.0325	.0325	.0400	.0400	.0400	.0400
Opium, Crude	Lb.	Montreal	4.1250	4.1870	4.5830	4.5000	4.3750	4.2530
Quinine, Howard's	Oz.	Toronto	.3720	.3080	.3570	.3200	.4780	.4350
Soda Ash	Cwt.	Montreal	1.7500	1.7500	1.7500	1.4520	1.4120	1.3750
Sulphuric Acid (Com.)	Lb.	Toronto	.0250	.0208	.0200	.0200	.0200	.0200
Carbolic Acid Crystall	"	"	.2500	.2500	.2500	.2380	.3480	.3950
Indigo, Natural	"	Montreal	1.2420	1.0392	.8972	.7756	.8577	.7756
XIII.—MISCELLANEOUS.—								
(a) Furs:								
Mink, Dark	Per skin	Montreal	1.1660	1.5000	1.7700	2.1870	3.1250	3.0000
Muskrat, Best Winter & Fall	"	"	.0866	.1041	.1458	.1000	.1000	.1000
Raccoon, (Chat Sauvage)	"	"	.7620	.7500	1.0000	1.0000	1.2500	1.2500
Skunk, Black, Canadian	"	"	.8300	.7870	.9000	1.0000	1.4830	1.3100

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	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
XII.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS:—								
Alcohol, 65 O. P.	Gal.	Toronto	\$ 4.5200	\$ 4.5200	\$ 4.5200	\$ 4.5200	\$ 4.5200	\$ 4.5200
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 1 Standard	"	Ottawa	1.0800	1.0800	1.0800	1.0800	.8800	.6800
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 1 Special	"	"	-1.1000	-1.1000	-1.1000	-1.1000	-.9000	-.7000
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 2 Standard	"	"	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.2500	.8000
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 2 Special	"	"						.6500
Alum, Lump	Cwt.	Montreal	1.5750	1.5750	1.5750	1.5750	1.5750	1.5750
Bleaching Powder	"	"	2.2930	2.1250	2.0930	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000
Borax Powder	lb.	Toronto	.0500	.0520	.0600	.0600	.0600	.0600
Brimstone	Cwt.	Montreal	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500
Caustic Soda, 60 degrees	"	"	2.4700	2.5000	2.5000	2.3750	2.3750	2.3750
Coppers	"	"	.7750	.7750	.7750	.7750	.7750	.7750
Glycerine	lb.	"	.1980	.1850	.1850	.1700	.1650	.1700
Muriatic Acid, Commercial	"	"	.0451	.0600	.0591	.0500	.0500	.0500
Opium, Crude	lb.	Toronto	3.8540	3.8540	4.0000	3.9370	4.2500	5.8330
Opium, Crude	lb.	Montreal	.4310	.4130	.3880	.3600	.3400	.3400
Quinine, Howard's	Oz.	Toronto	1.3750	1.9680	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000
Soda Ash	Cwt.	Montreal	.0200	.0200	.0280	.0300	.0300	.0300
Sulphuric Acid (Com.)	lb.	Toronto	.4500	.4500	.5250	.5000	.5000	.5000
Carbolic Acid Crystal	"	"	.6742	.6944	.5120	.5322	.6539	.7958
Indigo, Natural	"	Montreal						
XIII.—MISCELLANEOUS:—								
<i>(a) Furs:</i>								
Mink, Dark	Per skin	Montreal	3.3540	4.0000	3.9580	5.6660	6.6660	7.6660
Muskat, Best Winter & Fall	"	"	.1900	.1366	.1489	.1258	.1525	.2058
Raccoon, (Chat Sauvage)	"	"	1.2500	1.2500	1.2708	1.8083	1.6916	1.3416
Skunk, Black, Canadian	"	"	1.2500	1.4580	1.5000	1.7180	1.4660	1.2500
	Unit.	Market	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
XII.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS:—								
Alcohol, 65 O. P.	Gal.	Toronto	\$ 4.6700	\$ 5.0000	\$ 4.5400	\$ 4.6000	\$ 4.7250	\$ 4.7250
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 1 Standard	"	Ottawa	.6800	.6800	.6300	.6300	.6300	.6300
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 1 Special	"	"	-.7000	-.7000	-.6500	-.6500	-.6500	-.6500
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 1 Special	"	"	.5800	.5800	.5300	.5300	.5300	.5300
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 2 Standard	"	"	-.6000	-.6000	-.5500	.5500	-.5500	-.5500
Methylated Spirits, Grade No. 2 Special	"	"	.8000	.8000	.7500	.9500	.9500	.9500
Alum, Lump	Cwt.	Montreal	.6500	.6500	.6000	.6000	.6000	.6000
Bleaching Powder	"	"	1.5750	1.5750	1.6890	1.6250	1.6250	1.6250
Borax Powder	lb.	Toronto	1.9790	1.9500	1.9500	1.9500	1.9500	1.9500
Brimstone	Cwt.	Montreal	.0680	.0600	.0600	.0800	.0758	.0750
Caustic Soda, 60 degrees	"	"	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500	2.2500
Coppers	"	"	2.3750	2.3750	2.3750	2.3750	2.3750	2.3750
Glycerine	lb.	"	.7750	.7750	.7750	.7750	.7750	.7750
Muriatic Acid, Commercial	"	"	.1770	.2060	.2470	.2500	.2500	.2500
Opium, Crude	lb.	Toronto	.0500	.0400	.0550	.0575	.0600	.0600
Opium, Crude	lb.	Montreal	5.6640	6.0410	6.2500	6.4000	8.2000	7.9170
Quinine, Howard's	Oz.	Toronto	.3400	.2300	.3400	.3400	.3233	.3741
Soda Ash	Cwt.	Montreal	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000
Sulphuric Acid (Com.)	lb.	Toronto	.0300	.0300	.0300	.0400	.0400	.0400
Carbolic Acid Crystal	"	"	.5000	.4500	.4160	.3208	.3250	.3830
Indigo, Natural	"	Montreal	.7958	.6539	.6944	.6944	.5728	.6222
XIII.—MISCELLANEOUS:—								
<i>(a) Furs:</i>								
Mink, Dark	Per skin	Montreal	6.5830	6.0000	5.9853	5.1875	5.2710	5.2710
Muskat, Best Winter & Fall	"	"	.2666	.2733	.2708	.2817	.3583	.3241
Raccoon, (Chat Sauvage)	"	"	1.3500	1.3500	1.2917	1.7667	2.5410	2.5000
Skunk, Black, Canadian	"	"	1.1870	1.3330	1.7250	1.4541	2.4580	3.1888

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WHOLESALE PRICES, CANADA, 1890-1901.—Continued.

Average annual prices based on records of monthly and weekly prices as published by the Department of Labour, Canada.

	Unit.	Market	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
XIII.—Miscellaneous.—(Cont'd.)			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) <i>Liquors and Tobacco:</i>								
Hops, Canadian	Lb.	Montreal	.1630	.2490	.2090	.1990	.1650	.0720
Malt, Choicest Bohemian	Bu.	Toronto	.7500	.7300	.7500	.7400	.7200	.7400
Whiskey, Canadian Club, 20.8 up	Gal.	Walkerville Ont.	1.7000	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000
Draught Ale and Porter	Bbl.	Ottawa	6.6500	6.6500	6.6500	6.6500	6.6500	6.6500
Tobacco, Smoking, Standard brand plug	Lb.	Hamilton	.5100	.5600	.5600	.5600	.5600	.5600
Tobacco, Raw Leaf, Ontario, Burley	"	Leamington	.0550	.0500	.0600	.0575	.0500	.0650
(c) <i>Sundries:</i>								
Paper, Newsprint	Cwt.	Delivered.	3.7000	3.5000	3.5000	3.3750	3.2500	3.0000
Pulp, Ground Wood, Mechanical Sulphite, Unbleached	Ton	"			15.0000		12.0000	
Paper, Wrapping, No. 1	Lb.	"						
Binder Twine, Sisal	"	Toronto	.1225	.1011	.1006	.1002	.0772	.0651
Rope, Pure Manila, No. 1	"	"	.1475	.1373	.1195	.1114	.0984	.0904
Gunpowder, Common Sporting, 25 lb.	Keg.	Montreal	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000
Rubber, Para Isl. Fine	Lb.	New York	.8379	.7908	.6763	.7167	.6744	.7425
Soap, Common	Box	Montreal	2.2310	2.3410	2.3500	2.3500	2.3500	2.3500
Starch, Canada Laundry	Lb.	Toronto	.0462	.0489	.0397	.0447	.0460	.0450
	Unit.	Market	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
XIII.—Miscellaneous.—(Cont'd.)			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) <i>Liquors and Tobacco:</i>								
Hops, Canadian	Lb.	Montreal	.0720	.1320	.1470	.1660	.3300	.1075
Malt, Choicest Bohemian	Bu.	Toronto	.7000	.7400	.7200	.7000	.7300	.7300
Whiskey, Canadian Club, 20.8 up	Gal.	Walkerville Ont.	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000
Draught Ale and Porter	Bbl.	Ottawa	6.6500	6.6500	6.6500	6.6500	6.6500	6.6500
Tobacco, Smoking, Standard brand plug	Lb.	Hamilton	.5600	.6650	.6833	.6600	.6600	.6600
Tobacco, Raw Leaf, Ontario, Burley	"	Leamington	.0675	.1100	.0575	.0650	.0585	.0750
(c) <i>Sundries:</i>								
Paper, Newsprint	Cwt.	Delivered.	2.7500	2.6500	2.3000	2.0300	2.4250	2.4250
Pulp, Ground Wood, Mechanical Sulphite, Unbleached	Ton	"	*8.5000		18.0000	17.0000	23.5000	21.0000
Paper, Wrapping, No. 1	Lb.	"			34.0000	34.0000	42.0000	36.0000
Binder Twine, Sisal	"	Toronto	.0681	.0647	.0967	.1116	.1104	.1046
Rope, Pure Manila, No. 1	"	"	.0889	.0600	.1109	.1237	.1481	.1438
Gunpowder, Common Sporting, 25 lb.	Keg.	Montreal	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000
Rubber, Para Isl. Fine	Lb.	New York	.8000	.8454	.9271	.9954	.9817	.8496
Soap, Common	Box	Montreal	2.3160	2.3000	2.3000	2.3000	2.4250	2.5750
Starch, Canada Laundry	Lb.	Toronto	.0450	.0441	.0439	.0437	.0425	.0462

*Mill Cost.

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WHOLESALE PRICES, CANADA, 1902-1913.

Average annual prices based on records of monthly and weekly prices as published by the Department of Labour, Canada.

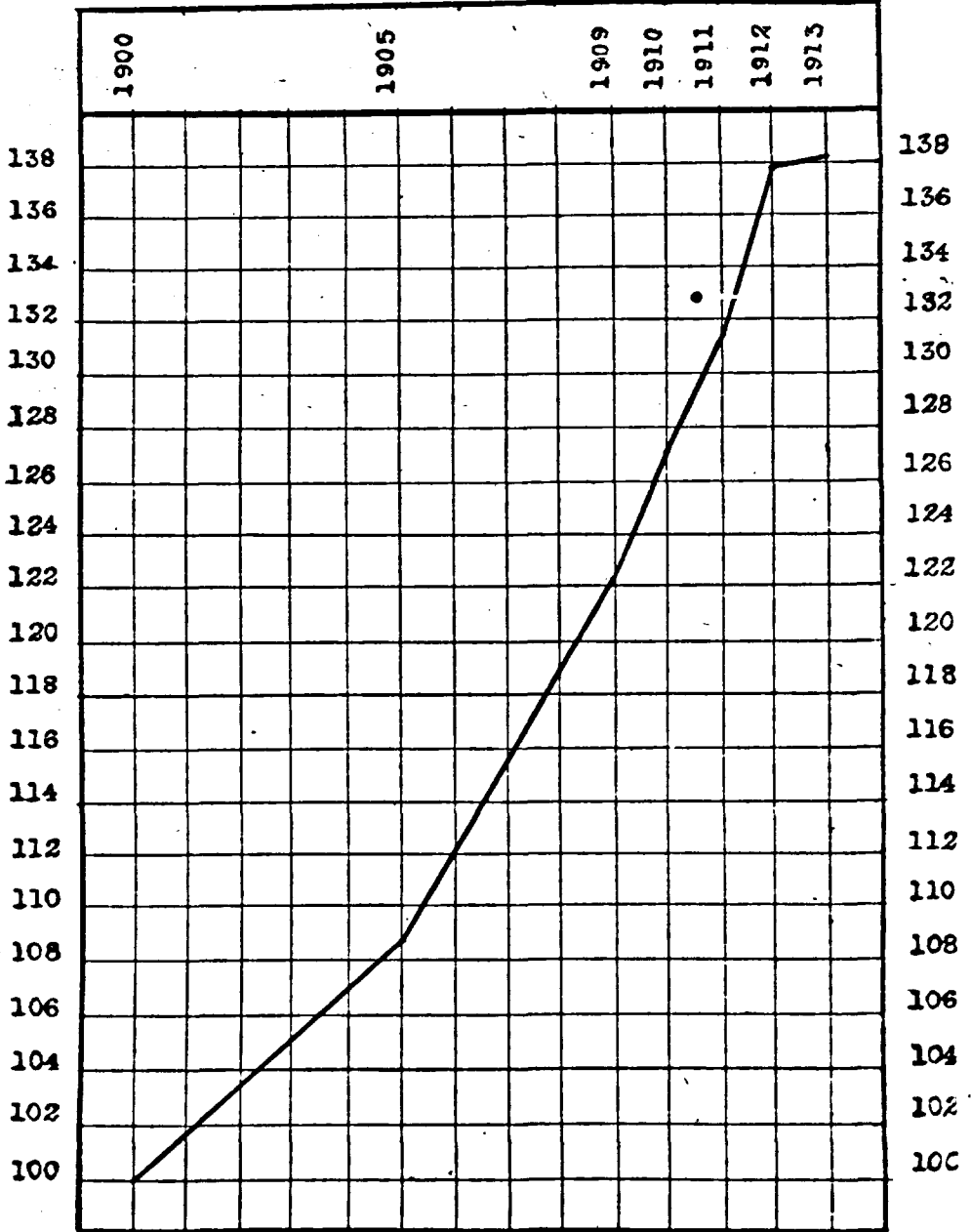
	Unit.	Market	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
XIII.—Miscellaneous.—(Cont'd.)			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) Liquors and Tobacco:								
Hops, Canadian.....	Lb.	Montreal	.2900	.4120	.5230	.5000	.3150	.2720
Malt, Choicest Bohemian.....	Bu.	Toronto..	.7200	.7200	.7400	.7500	.7500	1.000
Whiskey, Canadian Club, 20.8 up.....	Bbl.	Walkerville Ont.	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000	1.9000	2.3000
Draught Ale and Porter.....	Bbl.	Ottawa...	6.6500	7.2000	7.2000	7.2000	7.2000	7.2000
Tobacco, Smoking, Standard brand plug.....	Lb.	Hamilton	.6766	.7075	.7100	.7100	.7100	.7100
Tobacco, Raw Leaf, Ontario Burley.....	"	Leamington	.0950	.1100	.1100	.0850	.0750	.0550
(c) Sundries:								
Paper, Newsprint.....	Cwt.	Delivered..	2.1800	2.0500	2.0500	2.0000	2.0000	1.9500
Pulp, Ground Wood, Mechanical Sulphite, Unbleached.....	Ton	"		9.0000	9.7500	10.0000	12.5000	13.5000
Paper, Wrapping, No. 1.....	Lb.	"			.0365		.0350	.0360
Binder, Twine, Sisal.....	"	Toronto..	.1245	.1131	.1106	.1066	.1050	.1042
Rope, Pure Manila, No. 1.....	"	"	.1537	.1412	.1431	.1462	.1508	.1511
Gunpowder, Common Sporting, 25 lb.....	Keg.	Montreal	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000
Rubber, Para Isl. Fine.....	Lb.	New York	.7273	.9054	1.0875	1.2425	1.2131	1.0633
Soap, Common.....	Box.	Montreal	2.6250	2.6250	2.6250	2.6250	2.6250	3.1750
Starch, Canada Laundry.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0541	.0525	.0512	.0487	.0487	.0525
	Unit.	Market	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
XIII.—Miscellaneous.—(Cont'd.)			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) Liquors and Tobacco:								
Hops, Canadian.....	Lb.	Montreal	.2240	.5400	.4750	.3055	.3712	.2383
Malt, Choicest Bohemian.....	Bu.	Toronto..	.9000	.9000	.9000	.9925	.1830	.9175
Whiskey, Canadian Club, 20.8 up.....	Bbl.	Walkerville Ont.	2.3000	2.3000	2.3000	2.3000	2.3000	2.3000
Draught Ale and Porter.....	Bbl.	Ottawa...	6.8000	6.8000	6.8000	6.4330	6.2500	6.2500
Tobacco, Smoking, Standard brand plug.....	Lb.	Hamilton	.7308	.7183	.7100	.7100	.7100	.7100
Tobacco, Raw Leaf, Ontario Burley.....	"	Leamington	.0900	.1450	.1600	.1250	.1250	.1200
(c) Sundries:								
Paper, Newsprint.....	Cwt.	Delivered..	1.9500	2.0500	2.0250	2.0150	2.0150	2.1625
Pulp, Ground Wood, Mechanical Sulphite, Unbleached.....	Ton	"	15.0000	16.2500	16.0000	15.0000	16.7080	15.7290
Sulphite, Unbleached.....	Ton	"				46.0000	43.7500	57.0670
Paper, Wrapping, No. 1.....	Lb.	"	.0375	.0360			.0385	.0364
Binder, Twine, Sisal.....	"	Toronto..	.0991	.0912	.0763	.1650	.0725	.0950
Rope, Pure Manila, No. 1.....	"	"	.1316	.1112	.1058	.1050	.1214	.1687
Gunpowder, Common Sporting, 25 lb.....	Keg.	Montreal	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000
Rubber, Para Isl. Fine.....	Lb.	New York	.8708	1.4810	1.9266	1.1160	1.0516	.8521
Soap, Common.....	Box.	Montreal	3.1229	2.5500	2.5500	2.5500	2.6920	3.1250
Starch, Canada Laundry.....	Lb.	Toronto..	.0600	.0595	.0571	.0514	.0566	.0566

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THE COURSE OF RETAIL PRICES, CANADA, 1900-1913.

Number of Articles Included, 34 (weighted).

Prices in 1900=100.



CHAPTER II.—RETAIL PRICES, CANADA, 1900-1913.

When the object is to measure cost of living, retail prices offer a better medium than wholesale, being what is actually paid by the consumer. As already pointed out, a smaller number of articles suffice in the investigation of retail prices compared with wholesale: three-fourths of the expenditures of the average family may be included under twenty-five or thirty headings; on the other hand, a very much larger number of sources must be consulted, on account of the extent to which local influences operate. It is also much more difficult to obtain a satisfactory basis of retail quotations (each retailer being more or less a law unto himself) and to determine, when quotations for the same locality vary, which should be regarded as "typical". The compilation of retail prices accordingly has been less frequently attempted than wholesale.

Since the beginning of 1910, a monthly record of retail prices in each city having a population of 10,000 or over throughout the Dominion (fifty-seven in number) has been published in the *Labour Gazette*, the official journal of the Department of Labour. The prices are taken on the fifteenth of each month by local correspondents.* The articles included number thirty-six "necessaries" † (thirty being foods) as follows: Sirloin steak, best; roast beef, medium chuck; veal, forequarter; mutton, hindquarter; fresh roasting pork; salt pork; bacon, best smoked; fresh fish, good quality, variety stated; pure leaf lard; eggs, new laid and packed; milk; butter, dairy tub and creamery prints; Canadian cheese, new and old; bread; flour, strong bakers; rolled oats; rice, good medium; beans, hand picked; apples, evaporated; prunes, medium quality; sugar, granulated and yellow; tea, black (medium Indian or Ceylon) and green (medium Japan); coffee, Mocha, medium; potatoes; vinegar, white wine; laundry starch; coal, bituminous and anthracite; hard and soft wood; and coal oil.

From this record an adequate idea may be obtained of the movement of retail prices in Canada since 1909.† This, however, would illustrate only the closing stages of the recent rise. As it was impossible within the time available to secure an equally comprehensive series backward, it was decided to take the Departmental record for a single month in each of the past five years and to obtain for the several localities quotations for the same date in the years 1905 and 1900. In this way, the rise in retail prices since 1900 will be measured, though the annual fluctuations are missed between 1900 and 1905 and again between 1905 and 1909. The month chosen was December, when the volume of household buying is perhaps at its height, the date of the quotations (namely, the second week in the month) being early enough to escape abnormal holiday demands. The quotations, in so far as possible, were obtained from the books

*These prices are checked and compiled in the Department, an explanation being required from the correspondent for every variation as compared with the preceding month and for every stationary price of over three months' standing. While every effort is taken to insure that the quotations are on the same basis throughout, it is not claimed that the individual quotations as between different localities are absolutely comparable (having been collected by different persons) though it is thought that they are broadly so. The claim is made, however, that in each locality the statistics are continuous, and that the variations accurately represent the changes from time to time in price level.

†For definition of "necessaries" see footnote p. 4.

‡A table showing the average prices for the twelve months of each year (1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913) for the several articles in each city is published in *Wholesale Prices, Canada, 1913*, pp. 241-257. Averages for the Dominion as a whole for each year are added.

of the retailers who have supplied the later information to the correspondents of the *Labour Gazette*.

The full table of quotations is given at the close of the present section (pp. 96-129). Such a table, even more than the table of wholesale prices in the preceding section, calls for analysis and explanation,—an involved and elusive task, seeing that the variations of the several commodities in obedience to the general trend of the market are often different in different localities. As a preliminary help in this connection the prices of each article have been averaged for each of the provinces and have been inserted in the large table.

General Result—Simple Averages.

The first question requiring an answer is: To what extent have prices at retail, considered as a whole, risen in the Dominion, considered as a whole, since the year 1900?

Table I, on the next following page, shows the average prices for the whole Dominion for each of the thirty-six commodities in each of the seven years, while Table II shows the same averages reduced to the form of index numbers with the year 1900 as base. These tables, and especially the final column of the latter, afford the answer to the question just asked. Averaging the increases shown by the thirty-six articles in the fifty-seven localities in the seven years (that is, summing up the evidence afforded by the 14,000 quotations contained in the large table) the answer is that the rise in retail prices since 1900 has amounted to 33.6 per cent. The rise between 1900 and 1905 amounted to over six points, or a little over a point a year. Thereafter the upward tendency would appear to have been accelerated, a gain of nearly thirteen points being recorded by 1909, or an average rate of advance of over three points a year. From 1909 to 1912 the rise was at the rate of approximately five points a year. In 1913 there was a slight recession.

General Result—Budgets of Weekly Family Expenditures.

The above is an "unweighted" result. But in the case of retail prices where the number of articles is comparatively limited, and where marked variations occur in the importance of the articles (as, for example, between beef and vinegar), an unweighted average is unconvincing. Especially is this so in the present instance where the most rapid advances have occurred in meats and other articles of first importance to the consumer. A common way of estimating the final effect of changes in retail prices is by working out a budget of family expenditures, in terms of the prices quoted at different periods. With regard to the quantities to be used in such a budget for Canada, no investigation into family expenditures has ever been made on a sufficient scale to render the results applicable to the country as a whole, and it would appear impracticable to obtain such a budget in a country where conditions of climate, food supply, etc., vary so widely. The Department of Labour, however, has constructed for purposes of statistical measurement a list of quantities based on estimates by various official bodies in the United States and Great Britain and on limited inquiries in Canada which may be regarded as fairly typical of ordinary household expenses per week, and which it will be interesting to apply in the present enquiry.*

*This method of weighting, of course, is still open to the objection that the "average" prices themselves in which the calculations are made are "simple," i.e., are obtained by regarding the fifty odd localities included in the survey as of equal importance, whereas the four leading cities alone exceed in population all the others combined. The averages might have been obtained by weighting the localities according to population, but it is thought that the results would not have been changed materially. In the case of the provincial averages used on a later page, the fact that the larger provinces are represented by a greater number of localities automatically introduces a certain degree of weighting.

TABLE I—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES, CANADA, 1900-1913*

YEAR.	Beef.		Veal, forequarters.	Mutton, hindquarters.	Pork.			Lard, pure leaf.	Eggs.		Milk.	Butter.		Cheese.		Price per lb.
	Sirloin steak.	Medium chuck.			Fresh roasting.	Salt.	Bacon, best smoked.		New laid.	Packed.		Dairy tubs.	Creamery prints.	Canadian old.	Canadian, new.	
1900.....	13.6	9.8	10.0	11.8	12.3	10.9	15.4	13.1	25.7	20.2	6.1	22.1	25.5	16.1	14.6	3.7
1905.....	15.2	12.3	11.3	12.2	13.1	12.5	17.8	14.1	30.0	23.4	6.6	24.7	27.7	17.6	15.7	3.6
1909.....	16.8	11.8	11.6	14.6	16.4	16.1	22.0	19.2	41.8	31.8	7.6	26.9	32.0	17.8	17.0	4.4
1910.....	18.2	12.8	12.7	16.8	17.2	16.3	24.3	19.5	44.7	32.0	8.1	27.0	32.0	18.2	17.1	4.3
1911.....	18.4	13.4	13.8	16.7	16.8	15.7	22.6	16.9	45.7	33.0	7.8	29.2	34.9	20.6	19.1	4.4
1912.....	21.5	14.7	15.3	18.1	18.6	16.7	21.4	18.9	47.0	35.4	9.0	32.0	37.0	21.1	19.5	4.3
1913.....	23.3	15.8	16.7	19.4	20.5	18.3	26.0	18.4	49.4	37.4	9.1	30.0	35.4	20.0	19.4	4.3

*These prices are simple averages of the quotations for 57 cities included in the table at pp. ...

TABLE I—Concluded.

YEAR	Flour, strong bakem.	Rolled oats.	Rice, good medium.	Beans, handpicked.	Apples, evaporated.	Prunes, medium.	Sugar.		Tea.		Coffee, Mocha.	Potatoes.	Vinegar.	Starch.	Coal.		Wood.		Coal Oil.
							Granulated.	Yellow.	Black.	Green.					Anthracite.	Bituminous.	Hard.	Soft.	
1900.....	25	36	52	43	99	11.5	5.4	5.0	32.9	35.0	34.6	72.4	11.8	8.8	6.32	4.99	5.20	3.61	24.0
1905.....	28	39	53	47	77	9.6	5.5	4.9	33.2	34.7	35.1	74.1	11.8	8.9	7.23	5.17	5.64	4.07	24.5
1909.....	32	43	54	47	114	9.7	5.7	5.0	34.2	36.5	31.7	72.2	11.8	9.3	7.63	5.87	6.85	4.37	24.1
1910.....	33	41	53	55	121	10.9	6.1	5.3	35.0	36.8	36.7	78.6	11.9	9.2	7.53	6.11	7.01	4.78	23.8
1911.....	34	44	55	54	134	12.5	6.9	6.2	35.0	37.6	36.7	141.5	12.1	9.5	7.32	5.82	6.43	4.98	23.2
1912.....	34	45	58	61	133	12.6	6.3	5.9	35.6	37.1	37.9	110.4	12.5	9.5	8.90	6.45	6.79	5.12	23.8
1913.....	33	43	60	58	124	12.2	5.5	5.4	35.7	37.3	37.7	110.8	12.3	9.0	8.51	6.09	6.58	5.07	23.8

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TABLE II—INDEX NUMBERS OF AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES, CANADA, 1900-1913

1900 prices = 100.

YEAR	Beef.		Veal, forequarters.	Mutton, hindquarters.	Pork.		Bacon, best smoked.	Lard, pure leaf.	Eggs.		Milk.	Butter.		Cheese.		Bread, Price per lb.	Flour, strong bakers.	Rolled oats.
	Sirloin steak.	Medium chuck.			Fresh roasting.	Salt.			New laid.	Packed.		Dairy tubs.	Creamery prints.	Canadian old.	Canadian, new.			
1900.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1905.....	111.8	125.5	113.0	103.3	106.5	114.6	115.6	107.6	116.7	115.8	108.2	111.8	108.6	109.3	107.8	105.4	112	108.4
1909.....	123.9	120.4	116	123.8	133.3	147.7	142.8	146.5	162.6	157.4	124.6	121.7	125.5	110.5	116.2	118.8	128	119.3
1910.....	138.2	130.6	127	142.3	139.8	149.5	157.7	148.8	173.9	158.4	132.8	120.3	125.5	113.0	117.4	116.2	132	113.4
1911.....	139.6	136.7	138	141.5	136.5	144.0	146.7	128.9	177.8	163.3	127.8	132.1	136.8	124.2	130.8	118.8	136	122.9
1912.....	158.0	150.0	153	153.3	151.2	155.2	138.9	144.2	182.8	175.2	147.5	144.8	145.1	131.0	133.5	116.2	136	125
1913.....	171.3	161.2	167	162.7	166.6	167.8	168.8	140.4	192.2	185.1	149.1	135.7	138.8	124.2	132.8	116.2	132	119.2

TABLE II—Concluded

YEAR	Rice, good medium.	Beans, handpicked.	Apples, evaporated.	Prunes, medium.	Sugar.		Tea.		Coffee, Medium Mocha.	Potatoes.	Vinegar.	Starch.	Coal.		Wood.		Coal Oil.	All.
					Granulated.	Yellow.	Black.	Green.					Anthracite.	Bituminous.	Hard.	Soft.		
1900.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0
1905.....	101.9	109.3	77.7	83.4	101.8	98	100.9	99.1	101.4	116.1	100.8	101.1	114.4	103.6	108.5	112.9	102.0	106.7
1909.....	103.8	125.6	115.1	85.2	105.5	100	103.9	104.2	91.6	113.5	100	105.5	120.7	117.6	131.6	121.0	100.4	119.5
1910.....	101.9	127.9	122.2	94.7	102.9	106	106.0	105.1	104.3	122.3	100.8	104.5	119.0	122.4	134.8	132.4	99.1	124.1
1911.....	105.7	125.6	135.3	108.7	127.7	124	106.0	107.4	104.3	195.4	102.6	107.9	115.7	116.6	123.6	137.9	96.6	126.4
1912.....	103.8	141.8	131.3	108.7	116.6	118	108.2	106.0	109.5	152.5	105.8	107.9	140.7	129.2	130.5	141.7	99.1	134.0
1913.....	111.5	134.8	125.2	106.0	101.8	106	108.5	106.5	108.9	153.0	104.1	102.2	134.5	101.9	126.6	140.5	99.1	133.6

A table in which this budget has been worked out in the terms of average prices for the whole Dominion in each of the years 1900, 1905, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, is given below. The first column of this table shows the quantity of each commodity which is regarded as representing the weekly consumption of a family of five. In the succeeding columns, the amounts which these quantities would cost at the average prices of the several articles for the whole of Canada in the respective years, are shown:—

TABLE III—WEEKLY EXPENDITURES ON STAPLE FOODS, FUEL AND LIGHTING FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE. 1900-1913.

COMMODITY.	Quantity	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
		c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.
Beef, sirloin steak.....	2 lbs.	27.2	30.4	33.6	36.4	36.8	43.0	46.6
Beef, chuck, roast.....	2 "	19.6	24.6	23.6	25.6	26.8	29.4	31.6
Veal, forequarter.....	1 "	10.0	11.3	11.6	12.7	13.8	15.3	16.7
Mutton, roast, hindquarter.....	1 "	11.8	12.2	14.6	16.8	16.7	18.1	19.4
Pork, roasting, fresh.....	1 "	12.3	13.1	16.4	17.2	16.8	18.6	20.5
Pork, salt.....	2 "	21.8	25.0	32.2	32.6	31.4	33.4	36.6
Bacon, best, smoked.....	1 "	15.4	17.8	22.0	24.3	22.6	21.4	26.0
Lard, pure leaf.....	2 "	26.2	28.2	38.4	39.0	33.8	37.8	36.8
Eggs, fresh.....	1 doz.	25.7	30.0	36.5	44.7	45.7	47.0	49.4
Eggs, packed.....	1 "	20.2	23.4	31.8	32.0	33.0	35.4	37.4
Milk.....	6 qts.	36.6	39.6	45.6	48.6	46.8	54.0	54.6
Butter, dairy tub.....	2 lbs.	44.2	49.4	53.8	54.0	58.4	64.0	60.0
Butter, creamery prints.....	1 "	25.5	27.7	32.0	32.0	34.9	37.0	35.4
Cheese, Canadian, old.....	1 "	16.1	17.6	17.8	18.2	20.0	21.1	20.1
Cheese, Canadian, new.....	1 "	14.6	15.7	17.0	17.1	19.1	19.5	19.4
Bread, plain white.....	15 "	55.5	58.5	66.0	64.5	66.0	64.5	64.5
Flour, ordinary family.....	10 "	25.0	28.0	32.0	33.0	34.0	34.0	33.0
Rolled oats.....	5 "	18.0	19.5	21.5	20.5	22.0	22.5	21.5
Rice, good medium.....	2 "	10.4	10.6	10.8	10.6	11.0	11.6	12.0
Beans, handpicked.....	2 "	8.6	9.4	10.8	11.0	10.8	12.2	11.6
Apples, evaporated.....	1 "	9.9	7.7	11.4	12.1	13.4	13.0	12.4
Prunes, medium quality.....	1 "	11.5	9.6	9.8	10.9	12.5	12.6	12.2
Sugar, granulated.....	4 "	21.6	22.0	22.8	24.4	27.6	25.2	22.0
Sugar, yellow.....	2 "	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.6	12.4	11.8	10.8
Tea, black.....	¼ "	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.9
Tea, green.....	¼ "	8.7	8.7	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.3
Coffee.....	¼ "	8.6	8.8	7.9	9.2	9.2	9.5	9.4
Potatoes.....	2 pks.	24.4	28.0	27.4	29.5	47.2	36.8	36.4
Vinegar, white wine.....	1-8 pt.	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7
Food.....		548.0	595.6	675.6	706.1	741.5	767.6	775.7
Coal, anthracite.....	1-16 ton	39.5	45.2	47.7	47.0	45.7	55.6	53.2
Coal, bituminous.....	1-16 "	31.1	32.3	36.7	38.2	36.4	40.3	38.0
Wood, hard.....	1-16 c	32.5	35.3	42.8	43.8	40.2	42.4	41.1
Wood, soft.....	1-16 "	22.6	25.5	27.3	29.8	31.1	32.0	31.7
Coal Oil.....	1 gall.	24.0	24.5	24.1	23.8	23.2	23.8	23.8
Fuel and lighting.....		149.7	162.8	178.6	182.6	176.6	194.1	187.8
Grand Total.....		\$697.7	738.4	854.2	888.7	918.1	961.7	963.5

It will be seen that a weekly family budget which would have cost \$6.97 in 1900, cost \$7.38 in 1905, \$8.54 in 1909, \$8.88 in 1910, \$9.18 in 1911, \$9.61 in 1912 and \$9.63 in 1913. Representing the cost of the 1900 budget as 100, the rise is as follows:—

1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
100	108.7	122.4	127.3	131.5	137.8	138.2

As already pointed out, this is doubtless a more accurate index of the retail price movement than the simple average above presented, and it is this which is made the basis of the chart on page 70.

Comparison of Retail Food Prices by Provinces.

The influence of locality on retail prices has been already emphasized. In proceeding to elaborate somewhat on this point it will be of interest to note, first, what has been the general tendency of average prices in the several provinces. To illustrate this, a family budget similar to that employed above has been worked out in the terms of the average prices shown for each province in the large table at the end of the chapter. The budget, however, was restricted to foods, as the kind and quality of fuel used in different sections of the Dominion varies considerably:—

TABLE IV—WEEKLY EXPENDITURES ON STAPLE FOODS, BY PROVINCES, 1900-1913

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	5.611	5.833	6.820	6.892	7.186	7.353	7.357
New Brunswick.....	5.383	5.828	6.514	6.863	7.624	7.458	7.587
Prince Edward.....	4.812	5.264	5.899	5.958	6.120	6.247	6.887
Quebec.....	5.147	5.640	6.588	6.592	6.806	7.285	7.423
Ontario.....	5.012	5.598	6.472	6.747	6.665	6.930	7.040
Manitoba.....	5.851	6.194	7.481	7.787	8.001	8.033	8.161
Saskatchewan.....	6.864	6.920	6.935	7.634	8.819	8.814	8.882
Alberta.....	6.024	6.502	7.711	8.010	8.190	8.633	8.563
British Columbia.....	6.899	7.741	8.166	9.055	9.307	9.460	9.122
Dominion of Canada.....	5.480	5.958	6.756	7.061	7.415	7.676	7.757

Making the 1900 total for each province in the above equal to 100, the following series of numbers illustrating the comparative rate at which food prices have advanced in the several provinces is obtained:—

TABLE V—INDEX NUMBERS OF WEEKLY EXPENDITURES ON STAPLE FOODS BY PROVINCES, 1900—1913. (1900 Cost for each Province = 100)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	103.9	121.5	122.8	128.0	131.0	131.1
New Brunswick.....	100	108.2	121.0	127.4	141.6	138.5	140.9
Prince Edward Island.....	100	109.3	122.5	123.8	127.1	129.8	143.1
Quebec.....	100	109.5	127.9	128.0	133.9	141.5	144.2
Ontario.....	100	111.6	129.1	134.6	132.9	138.2	140.5
Manitoba.....	100	105.8	127.8	133.0	136.7	137.2	139.4
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.8	101.0	111.2	128.4	128.4	129.3
Alberta.....	100	107.9	128.0	132.9	135.9	143.3	142.1
British Columbia.....	100	112.2	118.3	131.2	134.9	137.1	132.2
Dominion of Canada.....	100	108.6	123.2	128.8	135.3	140.0	140.5

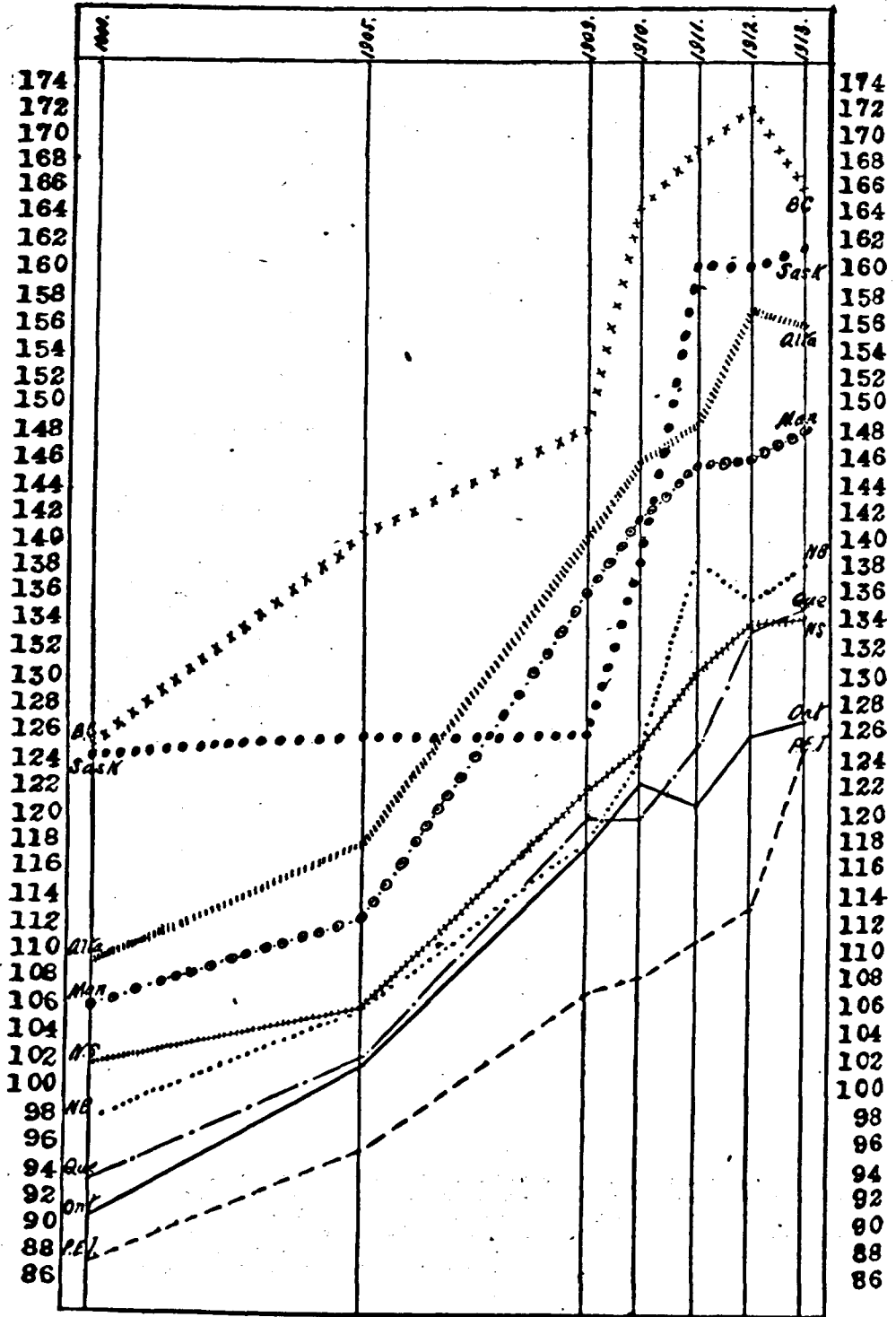
Another table of index numbers (Table VI) designed to show the comparative level of food prices in each province from year to year, has been worked out and the results charted on the following page. In this table and chart the total cost of a food budget computed in average prices for the whole Dominion in 1900 (namely \$5.48) has been made equal to 100.

TABLE VI—INDEX NUMBERS OF WEEKLY EXPENDITURES ON STAPLE FOODS, BY PROVINCES, 1900—1913. (1900 cost for whole of Canada = 100.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	102.3	106.4	124.4	125.7	131.1	134.1	134.4
New Brunswick.....	94.2	106.3	118.8	125.2	139.1	136.0	138.4
Prince Edward Island.....	87.8	96.0	107.6	108.7	111.6	113.9	125.6
Quebec.....	93.9	102.9	120.2	120.2	125.8	132.9	135.4
Ontario.....	91.4	102.1	118.1	123.1	121.6	126.4	128.4
Manitoba.....	106.6	113.0	136.5	142.0	146.0	146.5	148.9
Saskatchewan.....	125.2	126.2	126.5	139.3	160.9	160.8	162.0
Alberta.....	109.9	118.6	140.7	146.1	149.4	157.5	156.2
British Columbia.....	125.8	141.2	149.0	165.2	169.8	172.6	166.4
Dominion of Canada.....	100.0	108.6	123.2	128.8	135.3	140.0	141.5

COURSE OF AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES IN LEADING CITIES OF THE SEVERAL PROVINCES, 1900-1913.

(Average Prices, Dominion of Canada, 1900=100.)



The preceding tables throw light on the comparative cost of living in the several provinces and the extent to which this has varied in recent years. In 1900, for example, it would appear that food prices were appreciably higher in Nova Scotia than in Quebec; the distinction, however, has disappeared in the past two years. Saskatchewan and British Columbia were about on the same level fifteen years ago, but the latter is now the higher. During 1913, retail prices went down in the cities of Nova Scotia, Alberta, and British Columbia, but went up in those of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Manitoba. For Canada as a whole, the rise in food stuffs has been 40.5 per cent. Of the provinces, Quebec shows the most rapid relative rise (44 per cent) and Saskatchewan the least (29 per cent). This, of course, does not imply that the former is now the higher, from the cost of living standpoint. From the standpoint of the actual present cost of foods, the most expensive province would appear to be British Columbia, followed by Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Prince Edward Island, in the order named. In all such generalizations regard must be had for the limited number and otherwise special characteristics of the localities included.

Comparison of Retail Food Prices by Cities.

In using the statistics of the large table for the purpose of directly comparing prices in the several cities, it must be remembered that the data have been collected by different persons, and that they were primarily intended to show tendencies from year to year. Every effort, however, was made to secure the same basis of quotation throughout, and the results are doubtless comparable in a general way if not invariably in the case of individual quotations. In Table-VII a budget is worked out for each city in terms of 1900, 1905, 1912 and 1913 prices. In the final column an index number is assigned to each city, the number given to the Dominion as a whole being 100. These numbers are based on the figures for 1912-13, corrected in some cases by the earlier data.*

*As above pointed out, the employment of the same budget throughout is open to the criticism that widely different conditions of living prevail in the different cities.—Edmonton as compared with Halifax, for example, having a longer and more severe winter, necessitating the consumption of more fuel, having less variety and abundance of fish food, etc. The budget method of measurement is undoubtedly rough. At the same time, it may be argued that such differences amount at the most to tendencies,—fish not being a final substitute for meat, economies of fuel being possible by heating fewer rooms, etc.

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TABLE VII—WEEKLY EXPENDITURES ON STAPLE FOODS, BY CITIES, 1900—1913.

CITY.	Cost of Food Budget.*				Per Cent Increase between 1900 and 1913	Index Numbers of Average Costs in 1912-13 (Dominion average = 100)
	1900	1905	1912	1913		
NOVA SCOTIA:—						
Sydney.....	4.6912	4.8578	7.7237	7.9699	69.8	90.3
Westville.....	5.2637	5.4362	7.5355	7.3205	39.0	95.1
Amherst.....	5.5150	6.0550	7.0817	7.2050	30.6	96.2
Halifax.....	5.4050	6.1312	7.5617	8.6850	60.6	103.4
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND:—						
Charlottetown.....	4.8120	5.2262	6.3286	6.8869	43.1	86.5
NEW BRUNSWICK:—						
Moncton.....	5.0950	5.4375	6.9897	7.1737	40.5	91.9
St. John.....	5.2237	6.0112	7.9174	7.9390	51.0	100.8
Fredericton.....	5.3962	5.8262	7.4487	7.5987	40.8	97.7
QUEBEC:—						
Quebec.....	4.8600	5.3700	7.3161	7.6078	56.5	93.6
Three Rivers.....	5.1412	5.7112	7.3573	7.0973	38.0	94.1
Sorel.....	5.0362	5.5162	6.7262	7.0562	40.1	90.5
St. Hyacinthe.....	4.5966	4.8216	6.6887	7.0787	53.9	86.3
St. John's.....	5.0925	6.1337	7.5986	7.3519	44.3	97.4
Montreal.....	6.0141	6.9175	7.9384	7.9832	32.7	107.3
Hull.....	4.8748	5.1040	7.1002	7.2186	48.0	90.4
ONTARIO:—						
Ottawa.....	5.1012	5.6828	7.2500	7.8079	53.0	96.1
Brockville.....	5.2906	5.6307	7.2873	7.5081	41.9	95.7
Kingston.....	4.6512	5.1345	6.8912	6.8879	48.0	87.7
Belleville.....	5.4722	5.5944	7.1777	7.2499	32.4	94.6
Peterborough.....	5.0312	5.4112	7.0274	7.2457	44.0	91.9
Orillia.....	5.0312	5.4812	6.6957	7.2548	44.1	91.0
Toronto.....	5.0257	5.5432	7.1873	7.2929	45.1	93.2
Niagara Falls.....	5.4053	6.2786	7.6962	7.7481	43.3	100.9
Hamilton.....	4.8798	5.1548	7.0256	7.5039	53.7	91.4
Brantford.....	5.1624	5.5157	7.3280	7.5270	45.8	95.0
Guelph.....	4.7848	5.2448	7.2415	7.6065	58.9	92.5
Berlin.....	4.7107	5.3445	7.2613	7.4638	58.4	92.6
Woodstock.....	5.2590	5.8590	7.0804	7.2162	37.2	94.5
Stratford.....	4.6874	5.4976	7.1527	7.2099	53.8	91.4
London.....	4.5748	5.6915	7.3657	7.6749	67.6	94.2
St. Thomas.....	5.1675	5.6723	7.0749	7.2029	39.3	93.4
Chatham.....	5.5841	5.8561	7.0448	7.2376	29.6	95.7
Windsor.....	5.5666	6.2707	7.8912	7.6512	37.4	101.9
Owen Sound.....	5.1954	5.3387	6.6524	7.0312	35.3	90.1
MANITOBA:—						
Winnipeg.....	5.8275	5.9566	8.3237	8.0720	38.5	104.8
Brandon.....	6.0750	6.5150	7.9435	8.2947	36.5	107.2
SASKATCHEWAN:—						
Regina.....	7.5253	7.2347	8.9599	8.9499	18.9	121.5
ALBERTA:—						
Edmonton.....	5.3350	6.2925	8.3425	8.0150	50.2	104.1
Lethbridge.....	6.9033	6.8748	8.6775	8.5616	24.0	115.4
BRITISH COLUMBIA:—						
Nelson.....	7.0050	7.3310	9.4798	9.4573	35.0	123.8
New Westminster.....	6.8068	7.9383	8.9025	9.2591	36.0	122.4
Vancouver.....	6.4071	6.9031	8.7416	8.3913	20.9	113.3
Victoria.....	7.2300	7.5483	10.1025	9.8550	36.3	129.2
Nanaimo.....	7.7316	7.6808	9.0125	9.3450	20.8	125.6
All.....	5.480	5.956	7.676	7.757	41.5	100.0

*For quantities of Budget see page 75

Note on Local Variations in Retail Prices.

The index numbers in the above are to be regarded as suggestive rather than as final measurements. As already remarked, the problem of retail prices is essentially a problem of individual commodities and localities, and for studies of this kind the large table at the end of the section will be found the most useful. Numerous instances occur of differences in prices that cannot be accounted for on economic grounds, but are apparently arbitrary. One such example may be cited:

In the *Labour Gazette* for June, 1914, bread is quoted at 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ c. per lb. in one locality; at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. in five localities; at 6c. in one locality; at 5c. and varying fractions in four localities; at 5c. in five localities; at 4c. and varying fractions in six localities; at 4c. in eighteen localities; at 3c. and varying fractions in twelve localities, and at 2c. and varying fractions in three localities. Altogether, twenty-one different prices for this article appear in 57 localities, and some of the widest variations occur between neighbouring localities. It is interesting also to note as a variation of this phenomenon the effect of the "Nickel" law in Ontario which came into force in March, 1911, and which raised the weight of the loaf from 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Table VIII shows the retail price of bread on the fifteenth of each month, January to December, 1911, in twenty-five Ontario localities. In seven of the twenty-five the price per loaf, it will be seen, was changed to 6c. immediately the law took effect, that is, the price per lb. remained stationary; in the other eighteen, no change in the price of the loaf occurred, that is, the price per lb. was reduced. Inquiry went to show that the baker pocketed this loss making up for it on "fancy" lines, a procedure which may have been difficult for the small tradesman, tempting him to lower quality or otherwise recoup himself indirectly.

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TABLE VIII—RETAIL PRICES OF BREAD IN ONTARIO CITIES IN MONTHS PRECEDING AND FOLLOWING THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE "NICKLE" LAW.

	January.		February.		March.		April.		May.		June.	
	Weight lb.	Price cts.	Weight lb.	Price cts.	Weight lb.	Price cts.	Weight lb.	Price cts.	Weight lb.	Price cts.	Weight lb.	Price cts.
Ottawa.....	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½
Kingston.....	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½
Belleville.....	3	3½										
Peterborough.....	*		*		1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
Toronto.....	2½	4	2½	4	1½	†3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
Niagara Falls.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
St. Catharines.....	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
Hamilton.....	1½	4					1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
Brantford.....	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
Guelph.....	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
Berlin.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
Woodstock.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
Stratford.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
London.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	3½	1½	3	1½	3½
St. Thomas.....	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
Chatham.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	3½	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
Windsor.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
Sault Ste. Marie.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	3½- 4	1½	3½- 4	1½	3½
Port Arthur & Fort William	1½ 2	3½ 4½	1½ 2	3½ 4½	1½ 2	3½ 4½	1½	4½	1½	4½	1½	4½

* Nov. 29, 1910, 3 lbs. 10c.

* 5c. per loaf popularly supposed to be 2 lbs. in weight.

† Some bakers raised price to 6c. per loaf or 4c. per lb.

TABLE VIII—RETAIL PRICES OF BREAD IN ONTARIO CITIES IN MONTHS PRECEDING AND FOLLOWING THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE "NICKLE" LAW.—Continued.

	July.		August.		September.		October.		November.		December.	
	Weight lb.	Price cts.	Weight lb.	Price cts.	Weight lb.	Price cts.	Weight lb.	Price cts.	Weight lb.	Price cts.	Weight lb.	Price cts.
Ottawa.....	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½
Kingston.....	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½
Belleville.....			3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½	3	3½
Peterborough.....	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
Toronto.....	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
Niagara Falls.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
St. Catharines.....	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
Hamilton.....	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
Brantford.....	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
Guelph.....	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
Berlin.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
Woodstock.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
Stratford.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
London.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
St. Thomas.....	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½	1½	3½
Chatham.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
Windsor.....	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4
Sault Ste. Marie.....	1½	3½ 4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4	1½	4½	1½	4½
Port Arthur & Fort William	1½	4½	1½	5	1½	5	1½	5	1½	5	1½	5

Index Numbers of Average Retail Prices by Provinces.

One further series of averages may be useful in facilitating the inquiry into causes. In Table IX the average price of each commodity in each province and for the Dominion as a whole in the respective years has been reduced to the form of an index number, the 1900 price being made in each case as equal to 100, the main purpose being to show in some detail the rate at which average prices have been going up since 1900.

The table, it will be seen, again reveals how varied are the influences governing retail prices. Sirloin steak, for example, has risen by two and one-half times in Alberta cities, but by less than one and one-half times in those of Saskatchewan and British Columbia since 1900. This probably illustrates the effect of the disappearance of the Alberta ranches on meat prices in the nearby cities, which from being very low in 1900 are now as high as or even higher than in other places. The same commodity, steak, has advanced during the past year in all the provinces except Prince Edward Island where it has remained stationary. On the other hand, medium chuck roasting beef has declined during the past year in Nova Scotia and Alberta, but has advanced in Ontario, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Similar analyses in almost endless detail could be made in the case of the other commodities. It may be noted that in the case of coal oil, the last on the list, the price has gone down in six of the provinces and advanced in three as compared with the year 1900.

TABLE IX—INDEX NUMBERS OF AVERAGE COMMODITY PRICES, 1900-1913.

(1900 Price=100.)

BEEF, (Sirloin Steak.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	107.5	131.2	136.9	138.7	153.8	157.0
Prince Edward Island.....	100	112.5	120.8	125.0	125.0	166.6	166.6
New Brunswick.....	100	107.0	116.9	133.3	140.0	161.4	156.1
Quebec.....	100	117.9	137.4	142.1	144.4	162.4	173.1
Ontario.....	100	114.5	127.4	145.1	146.4	159.3	179.3
Manitoba.....	100	111.1	120.7	117.4	136.6	142.8	158.9
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	97.2	108.3	125.0	137.7	141.6
Alberta.....	100	120.9	136.3	150.0	184.5	215.4	240.9
British Columbia.....	100	108.6	101.8	115.2	123.9	136.9	145.1
Dominion of Canada.....	100	111.8	123.9	138.2	139.6	158.0	171.3

BEEF, (Medium Chuck.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	107.6	125.7	125.7	126.9	126.9	120.0
Prince Edward Island.....	100	112.5	112.5	150.0	150.0	200.0	200.0
New Brunswick.....	100	116.6	123.3	130.0	122.5	126.6	140.0
Quebec.....	100	116.5	158.4	145.3	144.6	156.6	163.0
Ontario.....	100	115.3	109.6	128.0	135.0	147.0	163.1
Manitoba.....	100	125.0	137.5	112.5	132.5	155.0	170.0
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	70.0	86.6	120.0	108.0	121.3
Alberta.....	100	120.0	133.3	169.3	182.6	214.6	218.0
British Columbia.....	100	123.2	111.6	130.3	141.9	161.6	167.8
Dominion of Canada.....	100	125.2	120.4	130.6	136.7	150.0	161.8

COST OF LIVING

VEAL, (Forequarters.).

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	108.7	133.8	132.1	137.2	143.0	159.9
Prince Edward Island.....	100	111.1	222.2	222.2	222.2	222.2	222.2
New Brunswick.....	100	120.0	93.3	120.0	146.6	133.3	160.0
Quebec.....	100	113.2	173.5	151.9	151.3	180.1	181.3
Ontario.....	100	110.9	113.4	130.9	138.0	146.9	172.2
Manitoba.....	100	120.0	111.1	122.2	117.7	146.6	160.0
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	94.6	116.6	133.3	130.1	128.0
Alberta.....	100	125.8	117.8	120.5	118.7	189.1	191.9
British Columbia.....	100	108.6	82.6	100.0	113.6	121.7	134.1
Dominion of Canada.....	100	113.0	116.0	127.0	138.0	153.0	167.0

MUTTON (Hindquarters.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	113.8	138.4	160.4	155.2	155.2	175.9
Prince Edward Island.....	100	118.7	137.5	150.0	131.2	200.0	200.0
New Brunswick.....	100	112.5	118.7	131.3	131.3	140.7	134.4
Quebec.....	100	126.6	147.0	149.4	148.6	177.3	179.4
Ontario.....	100	116.9	129.2	148.2	144.4	155.6	178.3
Manitoba.....	100	110.4	98.3	113.4	125.4	131.3	137.3
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	97.2	103.8	120.5	137.7	138.8
Alberta.....	100	115.3	131.3	129.9	155.4	172.9	174.4
British Columbia.....	100	100.5	97.2	138.2	129.7	137.0	138.2
Dominion of Canada.....	100	103.3	123.8	142.3	141.5	153.3	162.7

PORK, (Fresh, roasting.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	57.1	82.3	85.7	87.0	84.4	93.7
Prince Edward Island.....	100	122.7	136.8	127.2	118.1	136.3	145.4
New Brunswick.....	100	122.7	124.2	145.4	140.9	139.3	181.3
Quebec.....	100	104.2	149.2	128.2	122.4	150.6	173.5
Ontario.....	100	112.7	150.8	156.9	148.9	163.7	187.0
Manitoba.....	100	120.0	134.5	145.4	145.4	145.4	152.6
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	110.0	113.3	133.3	141.3	150.0
Alberta.....	100	135.0	165.0	178.0	211.0	225.0	212.0
British Columbia.....	100	105.2	98.2	126.3	123.3	135.0	153.2
Dominion of Canada.....	100	106.5	133.3	139.8	136.5	151.2	166.6

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PORK, (Salt.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	118.7	141.8	139.4	140.7	143.0	168.8
Prince Edward Island.....	100	116.6	116.6	83.3	66.6	116.6	166.6
New Brunswick.....	100	116.6	136.4	155.5	145.2	149.1	161.9
Quebec.....	100	110.2	153.7	139.9	123.6	155.8	170.9
Ontario.....	100	116.0	158.6	163.6	154.0	159.5	176.9
Manitoba.....	100	122.2	114.8	140.7	144.4	133.3	133.3
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	138.0	133.3
Alberta.....	100	120.0	200.0	210.0	195.0	192.0	187.0
British Columbia.....	100	113.4	124.1	141.8	139.0	148.9	141.8
Dominion of Canada.....	100	114.6	147.7	149.5	144.0	153.2	167.8

BACON, (Best Smoked.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	111.4	115.7	125.7	120.6	128.5	138.5
Prince Edward Island.....	100	106.8	124.1	144.8	148.2	117.2	151.1
New Brunswick.....	100	113.1	120.2	139.9	136.1	146.4	159.1
Quebec.....	100	116.6	155.2	152.8	143.3	154.7	173.5
Ontario.....	100	153.2	195.7	208.1	189.9	201.9	229.2
Manitoba.....	100	118.4	131.5	165.9	139.4	131.5	184.2
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	125.0	156.0	150.0	137.5	136.5
Alberta.....	100	113.0	133.3	190.0	170.0	180.0	184.0
British Columbia.....	100	106.9	127.9	149.3	141.8	135.8	149.3
Dominion of Canada.....	100	115.6	142.8	157.7	146.7	138.9	168.8

LARD (Pure leaf.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	111.3	147.1	145.2	145.2	143.3	145.2
Prince Edward Island.....	100	114.2	128.5	142.8	121.4	128.5	128.5
New Brunswick.....	100	105.5	143.2	143.2	120.3	148.1	144.4
Quebec.....	100	111.1	146.0	147.5	133.8	143.4	154.5
Ontario.....	100	109.8	145.5	146.8	127.2	144.1	146.9
Manitoba.....	100	116.6	146.6	150.0	126.6	126.6	126.6
Saskatchewan.....	100	74.8	125.0	134.2	121.1	114.2	108.5
Alberta.....	100	104.0	156.0	161.6	148.8	156.0	132.8
British Columbia.....	100	106.5	160.1	167.1	141.4	167.1	133.1
Dominion of Canada.....	100	107.6	146.5	148.8	128.9	144.2	140.4

COST OF LIVING

EGGS. (New Laid.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	108.	155.1	172.4	183.9	172.4	187.3
Prince Edward Island.....	100	122.2	166.6	166.6	188.8	172.2	211.1
New Brunswick.....	100	107.6	141.0	153.4	153.4	157.0	177.8
Quebec.....	100	116.0	158.2	152.7	163.7	181.3	198.1
Ontario.....	100	118.9	189.3	242.4	202.2	200.6	221.8
Manitoba.....	100	118.8	258.8	223.5	211.7	200.0	223.5
Saskatchewan.....	100	128.8	166.6	200.0	222.2	233.3	211.1
Alberta.....	100	104.5	150.0	152.2	162.0	157.1	160.5
British Columbia.....	100	95.2	100.9	135.2	125.7	135.2	125.7
Dominion of Canada.....	100	116.7	162.6	173.9	177.5	182.8	192.2

EGGS. (Packed.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	110.0	159.3	166.2	170.0	167.5	187.5
Prince Edward Island.....	100	122.2	166.6	144.4	122.2	166.6	177.7
New Brunswick.....	100	110.3	135.3	132.3	141.2	142.6	109.3
Quebec.....	100	110.0	155.7	156.2	152.9	162.1	188.1
Ontario.....	100	121.3	166.4	173.7	178.6	191.0	208.0
Manitoba.....	100	128.6	200.0	192.8	214.3	185.7	214.3
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	164.8	150.0
Alberta.....	100	102.8	138.8	148.1	148.1	152.5	152.5
British Columbia.....	100	102.7	130.1	130.1	126.7	126.3	130.1
Dominion of Canada.....	100	115.6	157.4	158.4	163.3	175.2	185.1

MILK.

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	108.0	128.0	128.0	132.0	132.0	136.0
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	140.0
New Brunswick.....	100	113.0	121.1	121.1	126.0	136.1	139.1
Quebec.....	100	110.3	114.2	133.3	131.2	141.6	145.6
Ontario.....	100	109.1	131.9	138.7	139.9	152.9	155.8
Manitoba.....	100	113.6	163.6	181.8	181.8	190.9	181.8
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	91.0	100.0	110.0	127.0	127.0
Alberta.....	100	93.3	121.3	124.0	133.3	138.6	140.0
British Columbia.....	100	108.8	121.1	122.2	126.6	137.7	143.3
Dominion of Canada.....	100	106.2	124.6	132.8	127.8	147.5	149.1

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BUTTER, (Dairy tubs.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	108.6	115.2	114.6	120.6	148.9	135.8
Prince Edward Island.....	100	90.9	104.5	113.5	122.7	127.2	113.6
New Brunswick.....	100	110.8	126.8	118.0	123.4	143.0	146.0
Quebec.....	100	109.8	120.6	115.4	132.0	145.3	136.3
Ontario.....	100	114.6	128.3	131.9	143.5	151.1	146.6
Manitoba.....	100	125.0	131.2	155.0	165.0	181.2	162.5
Saskatchewan.....	100	112.5	137.5	150.0	162.5	175.0	150.0
Alberta.....	100	114.0	110.0	120.0	120.0	132.8	134.4
British Columbia.....	100	112.2	125.7	134.6	120.8	134.6	134.6
Dominion of Canada.....	100	111.8	121.7	120.3	132.1	144.8	135.7

BUTTER, (Creamery Prints.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	106.3	155.0	150.6	167.0	185.4	178.4
Prince Edward Island.....	100	104.1	116.6	87.5	116.6	133.3	125.0
New Brunswick.....	100	105.3	127.1	117.3	130.0	144.4	134.5
Quebec.....	100	111.5	120.2	114.8	130.1	143.8	137.3
Ontario.....	100	111.6	127.9	127.8	141.5	146.1	140.1
Manitoba.....	100	114.9	155.3	148.9	170.1	170.1	159.5
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	120.6	120.6	133.3	141.5	129.0
Alberta.....	100	105.3	111.6	111.6	127.6	137.3	131.0
British Columbia.....	100	101.9	127.4	135.4	138.7	140.3	138.7
Dominion of Canada.....	100	108.6	125.5	125.5	136.8	145.1	138.8

CHEESE (Canadian, Old.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	104.5	99.2	101.5	118.1	118.1	118.1
Prince Edward Island.....	100	106.6	106.6	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0
New Brunswick.....	100	106.6	115.5	113.3	136.6	144.4	163.3
Quebec.....	100	105.3	107.4	111.8	115.8	128.8	126.4
Ontario.....	100	107.1	117.8	122.6	131.2	137.3	135.2
Manitoba.....	100	113.2	135.8	128.3	162.2	171.7	171.7
Saskatchewan.....	100	93.3	133.3	133.3	150.0	150.0	150.0
Alberta.....	100	91.5	100.	96.5	106.5	115.0	106.0
British Columbia.....	100	104.3	108.6	108.6	133.1	133.6	141.3
Dominion of Canada.....	100	109.3	110.5	113.0	124.2	131.0	124.2

CHEESE (Canadian, New.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	105.0	108.3	111.6	125.0	126.6	126.6
Prince Edward Island.....	100	106.6	106.6	106.6	113.3	120.0	120.0
New Brunswick.....	100	107.1	119.0	116.6	139.2	142.8	133.9
Quebec.....	100	104.0	110.0	116.4	122.5	130.3	127.8
Ontario.....	100	109.0	125.5	123.7	136.1	143.8	141.0
Manitoba.....	100	100.0	120.0	113.3	143.3	141.6	141.6
Saskatchewan.....	100	93.3	133.3	133.3	150.0	150.0	144.0
Alberta.....	100	102.8	114.2	109.1	133.1	131.4	121.1
British Columbia.....	100	110.8	120.4	120.4	141.5	142.1	138.5
Dominion of Canada.....	100	107.8	116.2	117.4	130.8	133.5	132.8

BREAD.

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	96.7	103.2	106.5	102.4	98.3	98.3
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	116.6	116.6	116.6	116.6	133.3
New Brunswick.....	100	100.0	105.8	122.6	133.4	122.6	119.6
Quebec.....	100	104.1	112.8	114.3	114.9	114.9	121.7
Ontario.....	100	103.1	124.2	117.2	119.4	117.2	121.3
Manitoba.....	100	80.0	88.2	88.2	88.2	88.2	83.2
Saskatchewan.....	100	98.6	98.6	77.2	98.6	85.9	81.2
Alberta.....	100	129.7	108.1	121.6	121.6	133.3	145.9
British Columbia.....	100	105.9	136.5	136.1	143.1	121.1	121.1
Dominion of Canada.....	100	105.4	118.8	116.2	118.8	116.2	116.2

FLOUR.

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	107.0	129.0	128.3	133.6	122.6	119.5
Prince Edward Island.....	100	150.0	175.0	160.0	150.0	150.0	175.0
New Brunswick.....	100	119.5	127.5	146.0	134.0	137.5	132.2
Quebec.....	100	109.7	138.6	123.4	125.7	129.2	126.9
Ontario.....	100	113.9	127.0	127.8	128.6	131.2	126.5
Manitoba.....	100	108.8	134.2	162.2	140.0	154.2	148.8
Saskatchewan.....	100	94.3	106.6	123.3	143.3	120.0	113.3
Alberta.....	100	106.6	106.6	105.3	116.6	120.0	116.6
British Columbia.....	100	110.0	119.3	125.0	136.0	131.3	113.3
Dominion of Canada.....	100	112.0	128.0	132.0	136.0	136.0	132.0

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ROLLED OATS.

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	126.1	140.1	118.6	114.8	133.5	126.1
Prince Edward Island.....	100	133.3	133.3	133.3	133.3	133.3	133.3
New Brunswick.....	100	115.3	133.2	133.2	126.7	123.0	123.0
Quebec.....	100	107.7	105.2	96.7	110.7	118.7	121.7
Ontario.....	100	108.1	126.5	119.8	127.1	125.9	121.7
Manitoba.....	100	106.9	153.6	125.7	125.7	139.6	139.6
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	103.0	142.4	142.4	145.4	127.2
Alberta.....	100	92.6	126.8	100.0	104.8	124.3	102.4
British Columbia.....	100	108.6	101.7	104.3	132.6	110.8	106.5
Dominion of Canada.....	100	108.3	119.4	113.9	122.2	125.	119.4

RICE (Good, medium.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	100.0	105.0	95.0	115.0	110.0	110.0
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	110.0
New Brunswick.....	100	100.0	105.2	105.2	115.8	119.1	110.5
Quebec.....	100	100.0	108.2	100.0	109.5	112.8	110.8
Ontario.....	100	100.7	104.8	99.2	97.0	103.6	106.4
Manitoba.....	100	87.5	127.6	110.5	116.6	116.6	123.5
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	62.6	78.3	60.2	73.0	81.9
Alberta.....	100	97.3	73.3	80.0	94.6	102.6	100.0
British Columbia.....	100	105.3	106.2	118.7	126.0	130.3	132.1
Dominion of Canada.....	100	101.9	103.8	101.9	105.9	103.8	111.5

BEANS (Handpicked.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	105.8	117.6	111.7	117.6	141.1	131.7
Prince Edward Island.....	100	114.2	114.2	142.8	142.8	142.8	157.1
New Brunswick.....	100	115.5	145.7	125.0	125.0	150.0	150.0
Quebec.....	100	112.7	130.8	136.9	130.2	114.5	123.9
Ontario.....	100	109.3	115.2	122.3	114.1	146.5	132.4
Manitoba.....	100	72.4	150.0	92.6	110.0	130.0	100.0
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	130.0	130.0	110.0	134.0	114.0
Alberta.....	100	100.0	90.9	96.0	120.0	121.8	130.9
British Columbia.....	100	108.3	131.2	158.3	150.0	152.0	150.0
Dominion of Canada.....	100	109.3	125.6	127.9	125.6	141.8	134.8

APPLES (Evaporated.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	102.3	100.0	106.9	118.6	108.4	100.0
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	120.0	120.0	90.0	100.0	160.0
New Brunswick.....	100	95.0	120.0	126.6	146.6	113.3	117.5
Quebec.....	100	103.6	130.0	125.5	138.1	132.8	130.2
Ontario.....	100	107.2	114.7	128.4	142.7	143.6	131.7
Manitoba.....	100	90.0	77.7	91.6	95.0	90.0	81.6
Saskatchewan.....	100	85.6	100.0	109.6	120.0	129.6	114.4
Alberta.....	100	87.6	102.1	98.5	110.2	100.0	95.6
British Columbia.....	100	120.8	137.5	134.3	161.4	147.9	158.3
Dominion of Canada.....	100	77.7	115.1	122.2	135.3	131.3	125.2

PRUNES (Medium)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	106.3	121.2	121.2	139.9	138.5	144.3
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.0	120.0	120.0	110.0	140.0
New Brunswick.....	100	103.6	114.7	118.4	144.4	125.8	122.2
Quebec.....	100	103.6	125.8	112.5	119.9	126.2	130.6
Ontario.....	100	108.3	101.1	122.0	136.9	137.2	132.7
Manitoba.....	100	100.0	101.7	127.7	136.1	136.1	125.0
Saskatchewan.....	100	83.2	80.0	89.6	109.6	114.4	104.8
Alberta.....	100	96.4	89.2	100.8	125.8	122.3	102.6
British Columbia.....	100	106.4	110.3	131.1	172.7	168.8	174.0
Dominion of Canada.....	100	83.4	85.2	94.7	108.7	108.7	106.0

SUGAR (Granulated.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	89.4	95.7	89.4	107.4	117.4	93.6
Prince Edward Island.....	100	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
New Brunswick.....	100	109.0	111.1	118.2	139.4	121.7	105.1
Quebec.....	100	103.5	113.4	111.5	129.8	121.4	113.4
Ontario.....	100	100.9	107.5	122.7	127.6	116.0	105.3
Manitoba.....	100	100.0	100.0	104.5	130.3	110.5	110.5
Saskatchewan.....	100	71.0	58.0	65.0	74.0	62.0	66.0
Alberta.....	100	108.9	118.2	112.1	132.1	126.7	116.0
British Columbia.....	100	106.0	106.8	113.4	129.3	115.5	110.3
Dominion of Canada.....	100	101.8	103.5	102.4	127.7	116.6	101.8

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SUGAR (Yellow.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	91.8	88.4	93.1	111.7	111.7	97.7
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.0	90.0	90.0	100.0	100.0
New Brunswick.....	100	108.2	108.2	108.2	133.5	121.4	108.2
Quebec.....	100	107.1	110.4	114.5	138.3	125.0	114.5
Ontario.....	100	91.7	96.6	102.7	119.7	111.9	105.8
Manitoba.....	100	104.7	104.7	119.2	137.1	135.8	123.8
Saskatchewan.....	100	80.0	53.0	58.0	65.0	64.0	61.0
Alberta.....	100	103.7	113.2	116.9	132.0	133.9	116.9
British Columbia.....	100	104.0	101.9	109.6	131.0	119.2	111.5
Dominion of Canada.....	100	98.	100.0	106.0	124.0	118.0	108.0

TEA (Black.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	104.9	114.9	113.4	102.1	106.4	104.2
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
New Brunswick.....	100	73.5	76.4	78.4	82.3	86.2	88.2
Quebec.....	100	101.8	99.5	105.4	112.8	108.2	108.2
Ontario.....	100	100.0	104.1	110.6	107.3	109.6	110.7
Manitoba.....	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.8	100.0	100.0
Saskatchewan.....	100	102.5	107.1	107.1	114.2	110.5	110.5
Alberta.....	100	96.9	94.1	96.0	94.1	91.0	92.4
British Columbia.....	100	100.0	107.7	103.8	128.5	109.0	103.6
Dominion of Canada.....	100	100.9	103.9	106.0	106.0	108.2	108.5

TEA (Green.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	105.0	147.4	144.4	155.0	165.0	165.0
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0
New Brunswick.....	100	100.0	94.4	100.0	103.1	103.6	94.4
Quebec.....	100	105.1	97.5	97.4	117.2	99.9	106.8
Ontario.....	100	102.1	111.2	115.3	112.0	112.7	113.4
Manitoba.....	100	82.7	88.2	82.7	76.5	82.7	82.7
Saskatchewan.....	100	82.0	75.0	80.0	80.0	78.0	78.4
Alberta.....	100	100.9	97.0	100.2	92.9	97.0	95.3
British Columbia.....	100	100.0	108.5	104.8	104.8	109.7	102.4
Dominion of Canada.....	100	99.1	104.2	105.1	107.4	106.0	106.5

COFFEE (Medium.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	100.0	91.6	94.9	103.3	110.0	110.0
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
New Brunswick.....	100	117.6	120.4	123.1	123.1	123.1	123.1
Quebec.....	100	100.8	102.5	104.2	105.1	111.9	102.5
Ontario.....	100	100.4	101.6	108.1	106.0	110.5	112.2
Manitoba.....	100	94.1	88.2	82.7	76.5	82.7	88.2
Saskatchewan.....	100	130.0	122.0	125.0	133.3	122.6	129.0
Alberta.....	100	94.3	133.3	127.6	122.0	125.0	120.6
British Columbia.....	100	100.0	102.6	102.6	105.6	107.8	104.4
Dominion of Canada.....	100	101.4	91.6	104.3	104.3	109.5	108.9

POTATOES.

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	100.0	117.3	113.4	155.7	130.0	153.8
Prince Edward Island.....	100	112.5	150.0	137.5	300.0	93.7	150.0
New Brunswick.....	100	101.5	112.1	129.0	163.0	173.5	142.0
Quebec.....	100	117.2	112.3	166.0	223.9	170.6	161.4
Ontario.....	100	123.6	99.7	114.6	205.4	164.6	162.9
Manitoba.....	100	83.3	106.6	163.3	150.0	110.0	133.3
Saskatchewan.....	100	111.6	183.3	225.0	225.0	152.8	175.0
Alberta.....	100	110.4	115.6	168.7	125.0	128.1	139.0
British Columbia.....	100	122.4	132.6	191.8	190.8	130.6	122.4
Dominion of Canada.....	100	116.1	113.5	122.3	195.4	152.5	153.0

VINEGAR.

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	100.0	111.1	108.3	108.3	100.0	100.0
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.0	120.0	120.0	150.0	150.0
New Brunswick.....	100	100.0	114.0	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
Quebec.....	100	101.8	126.0	122.4	116.3	126.0	119.3
Ontario.....	100	100.6	100.3	101.1	100.9	100.9	104.4
Manitoba.....	100	71.4	57.1	71.4	77.5	71.4	65.9
Saskatchewan.....	100	100.0	83.3	100.0	100.0	116.6	112.0
Alberta.....	100	104.0	100.0	83.0	91.5	87.5	81.0
British Columbia.....	100	111.6	82.5	82.5	97.0	97.0	94.6
Dominion of Canada.....	100	100.8	100.	100.8	102.6	105.8	104.1

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	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	100.0	95.2	90.4	95.2	95.2	95.2
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	80.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
New Brunswick.....	100	76.9	76.9	69.2	80.7	82.0	80.0
Quebec.....	100	111.2	105.0	112.9	109.6	95.1	111.2
Ontario.....	100	102.3	114.2	114.4	113.1	113.8	113.8
Manitoba.....	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.5	92.5	90.0
Saskatchewan.....	100	83.3	66.6	66.6	83.3	78.6	83.3
Alberta.....	100	96.3	101.8	96.9	127.2	113.6	107.2
British Columbia.....	100	104.3	123.6	113.9	113.9	118.2	112.9
Dominion of Canada.....	100	101.1	105.5	104.5	107.9	107.9	102.2

COAL (Anthracite.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	107.2	77.7	79.3	77.3	134.5	92.1
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	107.6	115.5
New Brunswick.....	100	97.1	101.6	97.5	110.2	127.7	113.4
Quebec.....	100	108.5	116.1	114.5	114.8	142.7	128.1
Ontario.....	100	111.0	113.6	114.2	118.4	132.1	126.1
Manitoba.....	100	93.4	97.7	93.4	98.7	98.7	100.0
Saskatchewan.....	100	105.7	103.8	105.7	100.0	103.0	103.4
Alberta.....	100	107.4	151.9	185.7	274.4	176.7	116.6
British Columbia.....	100	135.5	167.8	163.3	161.5	161.5	167.6
Dominion of Canada.....	100	114.4	120.7	119.0	115.7	140.7	134.5

COAL (Bituminous.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	98.0	94.0	99.2	100.9	106.6	109.9
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	112.5	125.5
New Brunswick.....	100	103.8	94.4	99.1	107.0	108.8	115.0
Quebec.....	100	112.4	105.3	111.8	121.5	129.7	120.0
Ontario.....	100	91.3	100.6	108.8	109.4	114.1	112.9
Manitoba.....	100	100.0	94.7	94.7	98.7	97.3	94.7
Saskatchewan.....	100	108.0	106.4	106.4	116.1	126.5	127.3
Alberta.....	100	106.6	173.3	143.8	180.0	180.0	173.3
British Columbia.....	100	107.3	119.6	124.2	122.6	166.6	120.5
Dominion of Canada.....	100	103.6	117.6	122.4	116.6	129.2	101.9

WOOD (Hard.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	113.3	120.0	123.2	126.6	123.2	129.6
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
New Brunswick.....	100	113.4	104.4	104.4	110.7	126.0	126.0
Quebec.....	100	108.6	131.2	127.6	130.0	149.6	141.3
Ontario.....	100	118.0	135.4	133.7	129.7	139.4	137.5
Manitoba.....	100	104.1	110.5	118.8	141.6	131.1	120.8
Saskatchewan.....	100	106.2	81.2	100.0	122.5	91.6	91.6
Alberta.....							
British Columbia.....	100	53.9	70.7	60.6	66.6	66.6	78.7
Dominion of Canada.....	100	108.5	131.6	134.8	123.6	130.5	126.6

WOOD (Soft.)

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	100.0	122.0	122.0	112.3	112.3	116.6
Prince Edward Island.....	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
New Brunswick.....	100	108.1	116.1	116.1	119.0	130.2	124.3
Quebec.....	100	112.7	149.9	149.9	162.5	152.1	158.8
Ontario.....	100	116.5	123.2	123.2	128.3	131.0	134.1
Manitoba.....	100	116.5	150.1	150.1	160.0	169.8	156.5
Saskatchewan.....	100	85.8	93.7	96.8	109.3	85.8	85.8
Alberta.....	100	120.0	104.8	120.	183.2	140.0	160.0
British Columbia.....	100	114.2	185.7	161.7	157.1	180.0	157.1
Dominion of Canada.....	100	112.9	121.0	132.4	137.9	141.7	140.5

COAL OIL.

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Nova Scotia.....	100	93.6	91.5	88.0	82.1	85.2	88.0
Prince Edward Island.....	100	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	91.7	91.7
New Brunswick.....	100	86.7	85.4	86.7	83.4	77.6	84.4
Quebec.....	100	101.5	105.6	98.2	97.6	102.1	106.7
Ontario.....	100	123.0	104.5	99.8	105.7	105.8	106.5
Manitoba.....	100	100.0	85.6	85.6	78.5	78.5	78.5
Saskatchewan.....	100	114.2	100.0	100.0	92.8	89.1	85.7
Alberta.....	100	100.0	93.7	83.2	83.2	80.7	80.7
British Columbia.....	100	100.0	109.1	119.1	108.0	113.5	106.3
Dominion of Canada.....	100	102.0	100.4	99.1	96.6	99.1	99.1

Beginning on the next following page will be found the detailed statistics on which the preceding analyses and conclusions are based. As already explained, the table gives an average or typical retail price in each of the six years, 1900, 1905, 1908, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, for 36 articles of household consumption in some fifty-seven localities.

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RETAIL PRICES, CANADA, 1900-1913.

PRICES OF THIRTY-SIX COMMODITIES AS ON DECEMBER 12, 1900, 1905, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, IN LOCALITIES OF 10,000 AND OVER, COLLECTED BY CORRESPONDENTS TO THE *Labour Gazette*

LOCALITY.	Year.	Beef.		Veal, forequarters, per lb.	Pork.		Bacon, best smoked, per lb.	Fish, fresh, good quality, per lb.	Lard, pure leaf, per lb.	Eggs.		Milk, per quart.	Butter.		Cheese.		Bread.		
		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.		Mutton, hindquarters, per lb.	Fresh roasting, per lb.				Salt, per lb.	New laid, per dozen.		Packed, per dozen.	Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.
NOVA SCOTIA:— Amherst.....	1900.....	12-14	09-12	10	10-12	12	11	20	14	14	23	21	5	25	27	14	14	2	4
	1905.....	16	13	12	12	14	13	21	15	17	25	23	5	26	28	16	16	1½	4½
	1909.....	16	14	12	12	16	14	22	20	20	35-40	30-40	7	25	35	16	16	1½	4½
	1910.....	18	16	14	15	18	16	24	14	20	40	38	7	26	28	16	16	1½	5½
	1911.....	19	15	15	15	18	14	24	18	18	40	35	8	28	30	20	20	1½	5½
	1912.....	18	14	15	14	15	14	25	17	18	35	32	07	32	35	18	18	1½	4½
	1913.....	20	15	15	15	17	16	25	18	19	38	35	7	30	32	20	20	1½	4½

(b) Cod. (c) Halibut.

Halifax.....	1900.....	15	12	8	10	10	10	15	4-6	12	30	25	6	20	25	21	15	1½	33	
	1905.....	15	12	8	12	12	12	18	4-6	15	32	28	7	27	28	22	17	16	1½	4
	1909.....	20	12	10	13-16	18	17	22	5-7-12	20	40	35	8	28	32	18	18	1½	4½	
	1910.....	22	15	10	14-18	15	14	20	15-20	20	50	35	8	28	32	17	17	1½	4½	
	1911.....	22	15	10	14-18	15	14	22	7-15	18	60	35	8	30	35	20	17	1½	4½	
	1912.....	24	15	10	15	15	15	22	20-22	18	40	35	9	35	38	20	18	1½	4½	
	1913.....	24	17	12	20	18	18	25	15-20	18	60	40	9	30	35	20	18	1½	4½	

(b) Cod.

Sydney.....	1900.....									13	20		8	23	27	15		1	6
	1905.....									13	22		8	23	28	17		1	6
	1909.....	17	13	12	14	15	17	20	6	18	30	30	10	28	30	16		1	6
	1910.....	19	12½		15	15	12½	20	5-8	17	30			24	29	18		1	6
	1911.....	18	13	10	15	16	16	22	6-8	17		34	10	28	34	20		1	5
	1912.....	22	14	12	16	18	18	22	5-7	20	40	32	10	35	40	20		1	5
	1913.....	22	16	12	18	20	20	23	6-8	20	50	40	10	32	38	20		1	5

(b) Cod.

Truro.....	*1900.....	15	10	6	8	10	12	12	8	13	25	20	6	20	25	16		1½	4
	1905.....	18	12½	8	10	12	12½	18	10	15	32	28	6	22	25	16		1½	4
	1909.....	20	15	10	12	15	15	20	12	15									
	1910.....																		
	1911.....																		
	1912.....																		
	1913.....	20	12½	15	15	18	18	24	a	18	20	45		7	35	38	20		1½

*December 1899.
(a) Halibut.

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	Rolled oats, per lb.	Rice, good, medium, per lb.	Beans, handpicked, per lb.	Apples, evaporated, per lb.	Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	Sugar.		Tea.		Coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	Starch, laundry, per lb.	Coal.		Wood.		Coal oil, per gallon.
								Granulated in dollar lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.	
NOVA SCOTIA:— Amherst	1900....	3½	3	5	4	7	7	6	5½	30	30	40	60	8	12	7.00	4.60	4.25	3.00	23
	1905....	3½	4	5	4	8	8	5½	5	30	30	40	60	8	12	7.25	4.60	4.50	3.25	22
	1909....	3½	4	5	5	10	10	5½	5	30	40	40	75	10	10	6.75	4.75	5.00	.....	22
	1910....	4	4	5	5	12	12	5	4½	40	40	40	90	10	10	6.50	4.75	5.00	4.00	22
	1911....	4½	4	6	5	12	11	6½	6	40	40	40	90	10	10	6.75	4.75	5.00	4.00	20
	1912....	3½	4	6	5	12	11	6½	6	30	30	40	98	8	10	10.50	4.75	5.00	4.00	20
	1913....	3½	4	6	6	10	12	5½	5½	30	30	40	90	8	10	8.50	5.00	5.00	4.00	30

Halifax	1900....	3½	3½	5	4	10	9	5	4½	25-40	40	30	75	8	10	6.25	4.85	5.00	3.00	25
	1905....	3	4	5	4	12	10	5	4½	25-40	45	40	75	8	10	6.75-7.15	4.90-5.10	5.00	3.00	25
	1909....	4	5	7	5	12	12	5½	4	30-40	60	35	75	10	10	6.60	4.85-4.60	5.00	.....	20
	1910....	3½	4	5	5	12	10	5½	5	30-40	50	35	1.05	10	10	7.00	5.25	.....	3.50	20
	1911....	3½	3½	7	5	15	12	7	6	30-50	60	40	1.20	10	10	7.25	5.25	5.50	3.50	20
	1912....	3½	5	6	6	.....	15	6	6	30-40	50	60	75	10	10	9.00	5.75	5.50	3.50	22
	1913....	3	4	6	6	10	15	5	4½	30	50	60	1.00	10	10	7.75	5.75	5.50	3.50	22

Sydney	1900....	2½	4	5	4	12	.....	6	5	25	.....	40	60	10	8	.....	3.00-4.00	2.50	.....	20
	1905....	2½	5	5	5	10	9	5	4½	25	.....	40	66	10	10	.....	3.00-7.00	4.00-2.00	2.50	20
	1909....	3½	5	5	5	10	10	6	5	30	.....	30	80	10	10	7.50	3.00	.....	.....	25
	1910....	3	4	4	4	12	12	5	5	35-23	.....	40	1.00	10	8	7.50	3.00	4.00	.....	23
	1911....	3	4	5	5	12	15	7	5½	25-30	40	40	1.05	10	10	6.50	3.50	4.50	3.50	20
	1912....	3½	4	5	6	10	12	7	6	40-30	60	40	90	10	10	7.25	3.50	4.00	3.50	20
	1913....	3½	4	5	5	10	10	6	5	25-50	60	40	1.20	10	10	8.25	3.50	5.00	3.00	22

(a) Flour, 5.95 per bbl. (c) Flour 6.00 per bbl. (d) Flour, 85c. per bag of 25 lbs.

Truro	1900....	3½	3	5	5	8	8	5	4	25-50	.....	40	75	25	10	8.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	24
	1905....	3½	3	5	5	8	8	5	4	50-30	.....	40	75	35	10	8.00	4.50	3.50	2.00	25
	1909....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1910....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1911....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1912....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1913....	3½	6	5	5	12½	15	15½	5	40	40	97½	8	10	8.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	30	

(b) Flour 90c per 25 lb bag.

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		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.			Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.
Moncton	1900.....	14	10	12	10	18	a5	15	22	18	6	21	25	14	2	3 1/2
	1905.....	16	12	14	12	20	a5	16	25	20	7	22	26	16	2	3 1/2
	1909.....	18	12	7	12	14	14	16	a6	18	35	30	7	26	30	18	2	4
	1910.....	18	14	12	16	16	22	a6	20	35	30	7	24	28	17	2	4
	1911.....	20	12	12	16	16	25	a6	18	35	28	8	25	30	20	2	4
	1912.....	20	12	16	16	23	a6	20	35	32	8	32	35	20	2	4
	1913.....	20	16	18	16	25	a7	20	45	35	8	30	35	18	2	4

(c) Halibut.

(a) Cod.

Newcastle.....	1900.....	14	10	.....	10	10	10	14	a5	12	20	.....	8	20	.....	14	.....	.....
	1905.....	10	10	.....	.....	14	13	16	a6	14	25	.....	6	25	.....	14	.....	3 1/2	
	1909.....	12	10	8	12	15	18	18	8	20	35	30	7	25	35	.....	16	2 1/2	3 1/2
	1910.....	18	13	8	14	16	17	22	6	19	35	30	7	24	30	.....	16	2	4
	1911.....	18	13	.....	14	18	16	20	7	17	35	30	7	28	35	17	18	1 1/2	6
	1912.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	15	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1913.....	20	14	.....	11	18	18	24	10	18	40	35	8	32	35	20	18	2	4

(a) Cod.

St. John.....	1900.....	16	12	10	12	12	10	15	5	14	32	25	6	22	26	16	16	14	3 1/2
	1905.....	18	12	12	12	14	12	17	5	14	32	27	6	25	28	16	16	14	3 1/2
	1909.....	18	10	5	14	15	15	22	6	20	40	32	7	28	32	18	.....	2	4
	1910.....	22	10	7	14	16	16	20	7	20	50	30	7	27	30	18	16	14	5 1/2
	1911.....	22	12	9	15	14	15	20	6	18	50	35	7	30	35	20	.....	14	5 1/2
	1912.....	24	14	10	16	16	18	20	6	20	50	35	8	34	38	20	20	14	5 1/2
	1913.....	24	14	14	18	20	18	23	6	20	60	40	8	32	38	20	20	14	5 1/2

Average for New Brunswick (4 localities)	1900.....	1905.....	1909.....	1910.....	1911.....	1912.....	1913.....
1900.....	14.2	10.0	7.5	10.7	11.0	10.5	15.2	.....	13.5	26.0	22.7	5.7	20.7	25.0	15.0	14.0	.....	.....	3.0
1905.....	15.2	11.7	9.0	12.0	13.5	12.2	17.3	.....	14.2	28.0	25.0	6.5	23.0	26.3	16.0	15.0	.....	.....	3.0
1909.....	16.7	12.3	7.0	12.7	13.7	14.3	18.3	.....	19.3	36.6	30.7	7.0	26.3	31.8	17.3	16.7	.....	.....	3.5
1910.....	19.0	13.0	9.0	14.0	16.0	16.3	21.3	.....	19.3	40.0	30.0	7.0	24.5	29.3	17.0	16.3	.....	.....	4.4
1911.....	20.0	12.2	11.0	14.0	15.5	15.2	20.7	.....	16.2	40.0	32.0	7.2	28.6	32.5	20.5	19.5	.....	.....	4.8
1912.....	23.0	12.7	10.0	10.0	15.3	15.7	22.3	20.0	40.8	32.3	7.8	30.6	36.0	21.6	20.0	4.4	
1913.....	22.2	14.0	12.0	14.3	17.7	17.0	24.2	19.5	46.2	38.4	8.0	30.5	44.6	24.6	18.7	4.8	

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		St loin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.	Veal, forequarters, per lb.	Mutton, hindquarters per lb.	Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.	
Quebec— Hull.....	1900....	10	10	8	10	12	10	12	5-12	12	25	20	6	23	25	13	12	4	2½	
	1905....	12½	12½	8	10	12½	12	14	13	12½	25	20	6	23	25	13	12	4	2½	
	1909....	15	15	15	15	18	15	25	6	15	35	28	8	30	30	15	..	6	3½	
	1910....	14	12	..	10	17	12½	20	8	12	40	28	8	26	28	16	20	6	3½	
	1911....	15	12½	12½	12½	14	12	20	12	13	50	30	8	32	34	18	17	6	3½	
	1912....	18	13	12	17	16	16	20	8	15	45	35	9	33	35	13	17	3	3½	
	1913....	20	15	12½	15	20	18	21	8	18	45	38	9	30	32	20	17	3	3½	
Montreal.....	1900....	15-20	9-12½	7-8	12-14	12-14	10-12	14-12	7-12	15	40	22	7	20	25	16	14	1½	4½	
	1905....	17-22	10-13	7-9	15-17	14-16	12-14	18-20	8-15	18	55	26	8	26	30	16	16	1½	5½	
	1909....	15	15	9	15	16	15	19	17	22	18	35	28	8	28	30	17	..	3	4½
	1910....	16	14	9	12	12	14	18	15	22	40	28	8	26	28	18	16	..	4½	
	1911....	16	14	12½	13	12	12	16	14	20	32	26	8	28	33	18	20	..	4½	
	1912....	20	15	18	16	14	18	22	15	17	60	35	9	33	36	22	20	..	4½	
	1913....	18-28	10-15	8-15	15-22	16-23	18-20	23-25	9-20	20	75	38	10	28	32½	20	18	1½	4½	
Quebec.....	1900....	8-10	6-8	..	7-9	9	9-12	10-12	6-8	14	30	..	8	18	20	..	..	6	2½
	1905....	10-15	7-14	..	7-14	8	10-12	12-15	6-8	15	35	..	8	23	26	..	..	6	3
	1909....	18	16	14	14	15	16	18	18	20	60	30	10	26	30	..	..	6	3½
	1910....	13-14	12-14	12-13	13-14	15	16	18	18	20	78	20	10	24	26	..	..	6	3½
	1911....	14-16	12-14	10-12	12-14	14	16	20	18	20	50	30	10	27	30	16	16	..	6	3½
	1912....	16-17	14-15	14-15	14-15	15	16	20	18	20	50	30	10	27	30	16	16	..	6	3½
	1913....	16-18	14-15	14-16	14-18	16-20	18-20	22	18	25	60-70	35-40	10	24-30	32-34	18	18	6	3½	

(f) Haddock.

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								Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium India, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.		
Quebec— Hull.....	1900....	2½	4	4	3½	10	10	3½-4	3½-4	25	25	35	70	6	8	6.50	3.00	4.50	2.50	20	
	1905....	2½	4	3½	3½	10	10	4	4	25	25	35	70	6	8	7.25	5.00	4.00	2.00	20	
	1909....	2 7/8	3	4	4	12	9	6	5	40	40	40	45	10	8	7.50	4.00	6.00	20	
	1910....	2½	2 1/2	4	4	12	7	5½	5	40	40	40	1.00	10	8	7.50	5.50	5.50	3.50	18	
	1911....	4	4	5	5	14	12½	6½	6	40	40	40	1.40	10	8	7.50	5.50	5.50	3.50	20	
	1912....	3	5	5	7	12½	12½	5½	5	40	35	35	40	1.00	10	8	8.00-8.25	5.50	6.00	4.50	20
	1913....	3	5	5	6	12	12	5-5½	4½	35-40	35	40	1.10	10	8	8.50	3.75	6.00	4.50	20	

(b) \$2.70 per 100 lbs. (c) \$2.10 per bag, 80 lbs.

Montreal.....	1900....	3½	5	6	5	10	10	4	4	30-40	50	30-40	65	12	6	7.00	6.00	7.00	4.00	20-25
	1905....	3½	5	6	5	10	10	5	5	30-40	50	30-40	75	12	6	7.75	6.00	7.50	4.50	22-27
	1909....	3½	4	5	8	12	10	5½	4½	30-35	30	30	70	20	7	7.50	4.00	8.00	.....	18
	1910....	4	4	4	10	12	10	5	4½	30-30	30	25	90	20	10	7.00	4.50	8.00	6.50	18
	1911....	3½	4	5	5	10	10	7	6	40-40	40	25-25	1.25	15	8	7.75	7.00	8.00	6.00	20
	1912....	4	4	7	6	13	12½	5½	6	35-30	35	60-30	1.25	18	7	10.00	6.50	8.35	4.85	23
	1913....	3½	5	6	5	15	15	5	5	40-40	50	40	1.00	15	8	8.25	6.50	9.00	5.00	25-30

(a) 80c per 25 lb. bag. (b) 85c per 25 lb. bag.

Quebec.....	1900....	2½	4	5	4½	.....	5	4	35	35	40	50	15	8	6.00	5.00	4.50-5.50	2.50-3.50	18
	1905....	3½	4	5	5	.....	4½	4	35-25	35-25	40	60	15	8	6.50	5.00-6.00	3.00-7.00	4.00	18
	1909....	4	5	6	5	13	12	5	4½	30-30	30	75	20	10	8.00	6.50	6.00-8.00	.....	18
	1910....	3	5	5	5	13	12	5	4½	30-35	30	90	20	10	7.50	5.00	4.00-7.00	5.50-4.00	18
	1911....	3	5	5	5	13	12	6½	5½	40-35	40	1.20	20	10	7.75	6.00	7.00-10.00	5.00-4.50	18
	1912....	3½	5	5	7	13	12	5½	4½	40-35	40	1.00	20	10	12.00	5.50	6.00-5.00	5.50-4.50	18
	1913....	3½	5	5	13	13	5½	4½	35-40	40	75	20	10	8.50	6.00	6.00-7.00	5.50-4.50	20

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		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.			Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.	
Sherbrooke	1900.....	10-12	10	8	12	10	10	12	10
	1905.....	10-12	10	8	12	10	10	12	10
	1909.....	18	16	14	11	16	15	22	15	16	60	35	7	25	33	16	1	5
	1910.....	20	12½	10	15	14	14	20	12	20	50	35	7	24	30	18	1	5
	1911.....	20	12½	10	15	14	16	20	10	18	60	40	7	30	34	18	18	1	5
	1912.....	22	15	10	18	17	17	18	12	18	60	40	7	35	37	20	5
	1913.....	20	16	16	16	18	18	23	6	18	60	45	8	32	37	20	1	5

Sorel.....	1900.....	10	8	8	10	11	11	15	5	12	30	20	6	23	25	18	16	6	24	
	1905.....	12	9	9	12	12	11	17	.....	13	35	23	7	24	26	18	16	6	24	
	1909.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25-26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1910.....	15	10	.....	15	12	15	20	8	18	40	30	8	27	28	14	.....	.....	6	3
	1911.....	12	10	.....	12	13	12	18	8	15	45	30	8	32	.....	17	.....	.....	6	3
	1912.....	18	12½	.....	15	15	16	20	10	18	45	35	8	30	33	20	18	.....	.....	.....
	1913.....	20	13	12	20	20	18	25	12	20	50	35	8	28	37	20	18	.....	.....	.....

(d) Salmon.

St. Hyacinthe.....	1900.....	8	5	5	6	8	8	10	2	10	18	12	4	25	.....	15	15	6	24
	1905.....	9	7	6	7	8	8	12	5	12	15	13	5	25	.....	15	15	6	24
	1909.....	10-12	10	10	12	15	15	20	12	16	40	35	7	26	26	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1910.....	12	10	10	12	12	14	22	12	16	40	35	7	28	30	18	17	6	3
	1911.....	12	10	10	12	11	10	20	15	15	40	.....	6	30	30	18	18	6	3
	1912.....	12	8	10	15	16	15	25	12	16	35	7	34	34	20	20	6	3
	1913.....	17	12	15	15	17	15	28	10	18	50	40	8	32	18	18	6	3

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								Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.	
Sherbrooke...	1900				5	7	7½	5	4½	30-35	30-35									
	1905				5	7	7½	5	4½	35-35	30-30									
	1909	4	4	6	5	12½	12½	5	4	25-40	25-35	50-60	10	8	7.25	4.25-5.00	4.00-5.00			25
	1910	3½	4	5	5	12½	12½	5½	5	40-40	40-40	40-40	1.05	10	8	7.50	4.75-5.00	5.00-4.00		23
	1911	3½	5	6	6	17	15	6½	6½	40-40	40-40	40-40	1.35	10	8	7.50	6.00-5.00	5.00-4.50		20
	1912	3½	5	5	6	12½	13	5½	5	40-40	40-40	40-45	1.30	10	8	8.50	6.00-5.00	5.00-4.50		20
	1913	3½	5	6	6	10	12½	5	4½	40-40	40-40	40-40		10	9	8.00	6.00-7.50			17

(a) Flour 85c-90c per 25 lb. bag.

Sorel	1900	2½	3	4	3½	7½	7½	5½	5	30	30	40	60	10	8	5.50	4.00	5.00	3.50	20
	1905	2½	4	4	4	10	10	5	4½	30	30	40	75	10	8	6.25	5.00	5.00	3.50	18
	1909																			
	1910	3	3½	5	5	10	10	5	4½	30-30	30-30	40	1.00	10	8	6.75	5.00	6.25-5.00	5.00-6.50	16
	1911	3	3½	5	6	15	10	6½	6	50-40	50-40	40	1.35	10	8	6.75	4.75-6.50	6.25-7.00	4.50-5.00	17
	1912	3	4	5	6	13	10	5½	5	30-30	30-30	40	75	10	8	8.00	5.00-7.00	7.00-6.00	5.00-4.00	18
	1913	3	4	4	4	12	12	5½	5	30-30	30-30	40	90	10	8	7.75	5.50-7.00	7.00-6.00	6.00-5.00	20

St. Hyacinthe	1900	3	5	4-4	3	10	11	5	4	30-60	30-60	40	38	8	8	5.75-6.00	4.50	4.50	2.50-3.00	15
	1905	3	5	5-4	4	10	11	5	4	30-60	30-60	40	38	8	8	6.50-6.00	5.00	5.50	4.00-4.00	15
	1909	3	4	5-4	4	12	15	5	4½	30-50	30-50	40	75	8	8	7.25-7.00	5.25	6.00-7.00	5.00-4.00	20
	1910	3	4	5-4	5	12	12	5½	5	30-60	30-60	40	1.00	8	8	7.50-7.00	5.50	7.00-6.50	4.50-4.50	20
	1911	3	5	5-4	5	12	13	6½	6	30-60	30-60	40	1.20	8	8	6.75-7.00	5.00	7.00-7.50	5.00-6.00	18
	1912	3	5	5-4	6	12	13	6	5	30-60	30-60	40	75	8	8	10.50-8.00	7.00	8.00-7.50	6.50-6.00	18
	1913	3	5	5-4	6	12	13	5	4½	30-60	30-60	40	90	8	8	8.50-8.00	8.00	8.00-7.50	6.50-6.00	18

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		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.		Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.	
St. Johns	1900.....	12	8 10	6 10	8 10	10	10	14	6 8	12	25	23	5	23	25	18	15	3	3½
	1905.....	15	12	12	18	12	12	18	10	15	23	20	6	28	30	20	15	3	3½
	1909.....	18	12	18	18	16	16	20	20	8	20	40	8	26	28	18	..	3	3½
	1910.....	18	15	..	20	14	15	22	15	20	40	..	8	26	28	18	16	..	5
	1911.....	18	15	15	18	14	14	18	8	15	..	..	7	28	31	19	17	6	3
	1912.....	20	16	16	18	18	18	20	10	18	45	40	9	36	38	20	18	2	3½
	1913.....	20	16	16	18	18	16	20	12	18	40	38	9	34	36	19	17	2	3½

Three Rivers	1900.....	12	8	8	8	10	13	16	4 10 6	14	25	18	6	24	25	14	14	6	2½
	1905.....	15	10	9	12	11	14	18	12	15	30	22	7	25	26	15	15	3	3
	1909.....	15	12½	12½	13	17	18	20	12	20	40	30	8	28	28	17	..	6	3½
	1910.....	18	12	15	15	14	15	22	12	18	45	35	8	27	28	20	18	6	3
	1911.....	20	12	12	15	12	12	20	15	15	45	30	9	32	33	18	17	6	3½
	1912.....	18	12	15	15	17	15	20	12	17	50	35	9	33	35	20	20	..	5
	1913.....	18	12	12	15	18	18	22	15	17	50	32	8	30	32	20	20	2	4

Averages for QUEBEC (8 localities)	1900.....	11.1	8.5	7.6	9.4	10.6	10.3	13.2	..	12.4	27.2	20.0	6.0	22.6	24.7	15.4	14.3	..	3.3
	1905.....	13.1	9.9	8.6	11.9	11.0	11.3	15.4	..	13.7	31.6	22.0	6.6	24.8	27.5	16.2	14.9	..	3.5
	1909.....	15.3	13.4	13.4	13.8	15.8	15.8	20.6	..	18.1	43.2	31.1	6.8	27.3	29.7	16.6	15.8	..	3.8
	1910.....	15.8	12.3	11.5	14.0	13.6	14.4	20.2	..	18.2	41.6	31.2	8.0	26.1	28.4	17.2	16.6	..	3.8
	1911.....	16.0	12.2	11.4	13.9	13.0	12.7	19.0	..	16.6	44.6	30.6	7.8	29.9	32.1	17.9	17.5	..	3.8
	1912.....	18.0	13.3	13.6	16.6	16.0	16.0	20.5	..	17.3	49.4	36.4	8.5	32.9	35.6	19.8	18.6	..	3.8
	1913.....	19.2	13.6	13.7	16.8	18.4	17.6	23.0	..	19.1	54.0	37.6	8.7	30.8	33.9	19.5	18.2	..	4.1

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	Rolled oats, per lb.	Rice, good, medium, per lb.	Beans, handpicked, per lb.	Apples, evaporated, per lb.	Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	Sugar.		Tea.		Coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	Starch, laundry, per lb.	Coal.		Wood.		Coal oil, per gallon.
								Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.	
St. Johns.....	1900.....	2½	3	4½	3½	10	10	5	4½	30	35	35	60	8	8	6.50	4.50	5.00	3.00	15
	1905.....	2½	4½	5	5	10	10	5½	5	40	50	40	75	10	8	7.00	5.00	6.00	4.00	18
	1909.....	3½	4½	6	5	13	15	6	5	30	40	35	60	10	8	6.00	5.00	7.50	.....	22
	1910.....	3	4	6	5	12	12	5½	5	35	40	40	1.00	10	10	6.50	5.00	8.00	6.00	20
	1911.....	3	5	6	5	12	10	7	5	35	40	40	1.25	10	10	6.50	5.00	8.00	6.00	20
	1912.....	3	6	6	5	13	13	6	5½	30	35	30	1.10	15	10	8.25	6.50	6.50	5.00	22
	1913.....	3½	6	6	5	13	13	5½	5	30	35	30	90	15	10	7.75	5.50	6.50	5.00	22

(a) 85 and 90c per 25 lb. bag.

Three Rivers..	1900.....	2½	4	4	3½	12	12	5	4	30-50	25-30	30-40	60	15	8	6.50	4.50	5.00	3.00	18
	1905.....	2½	4	4	4	12	12	5½	5	30-50	25-30	30-40	75	15	8	6.50	4.50	6.00	3.50	18
	1909.....	4	5	4	5	12	12	5½	5	30-50	30-40	40	75	15	8	7.50	5.00	6.50	.....	20
	1910.....	3	4	4	4	12	12	5½	5	30-50	25-30	40	1.00	15	8	7.25	5.00	6.50	4.00	18
	1911.....	3	4	4	5	12	12	6½	5½	30-50	25-30	40	1.25	15	8	7.00	5.00	6.50	4.00	18
	1912.....	3	4	5	6	12	12	6½	6	30-50	25-30	40	80	15	8	7.50	5.00	6.50	4.00	18
	1913.....	3	4	5	6	12	12	6	5	50	50	40	95	15	8	7.25	5.00	7.00	4.00	20

(b) Haddock.

Average for Quinquennal (b localities)	1900.....	1905.....	1909.....	1910.....	1911.....	1912.....	1913.....
	2.6	4.0	4.6	3.9	9.5	9.7	4.7
	4.2	34.0	36.2	36.6	57.8	10.3	7.7
	6.27	4.50	5.06	3.21	19.2		
	2.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	9.6	10.0	4.9
	4.5	34.7	38.1	36.8	67.9	10.5	8.6
	6.81	5.06	5.50	3.62	19.8		
	3.5	4.2	5.0	5.1	12.3	12.2	5.4
	4.6	33.9	35.3	37.5	65.0	13.0	8.1
	7.28	4.74	6.64	4.81	20.2		
	3.1	3.9	4.6	5.3	11.9	10.9	5.3
	4.8	35.9	35.3	38.1	98.1	12.6	8.7
	7.19	5.03	6.46	4.81	18.9		
	3.2	4.4	5.0	5.1	13.1	11.6	6.2
	5.8	38.4	42.5	38.4	129.6	12.0	8.5
	7.20	5.47	6.56	5.22	18.7		
	3.3	4.7	5.2	4.5	12.6	12.2	5.8
	5.2	36.9	36.2	40.9	98.7	13.0	7.4
	8.95	5.84	7.57	4.88	19.6		
	3.2	4.9	5.1	4.8	12.4	12.7	4.6
	4.8	36.9	38.7	37.5	93.4	12.3	8.6
	8.03	5.40	7.15	5.10	20.5		

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Beef.		Veal, forequarters, per lb.	Mutton, hindquarters, per lb.	Pork.		Bacon, best smoked, per lb.	Fish, fresh, good quality, per lb.	Lard, pure leaf, per lb.	Eggs.		Milk, per quart.	Butter.		Cheese.		Bread.		
		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.			Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.	
ONTARIO:—																				
Belleville.....	1900.....	12½	15	10	12½	12½	12	18-20	.....	12½	20-22	16	5	25-25	28-27	13-15	14	.....	3½
	1905.....	12½	15	10	12½	12½	.....	20	.....	14	25	23	6	25-28	27-28	15-18	14	.....	3½
	1909.....	18	10	10	15	15	12	24	12	18	35	28	6	24	25	18	18	.....	3½
	1910.....	17	10	12½	15	14	14	22	12	20	40	28	6	27	30	18	18	16	3½
	1911.....	17	12½	12½	15	15	15	22	12½	15	50	32	7	30	34	20	17	3	3½
	1912.....	20	12½	13-15	15	17	27	19	40	35	7	35	35	20	18	3	3½
	1913.....	20	14	20	17	28	18	45	38	7	30	33	20	18	3	3½
Berlin.....	1900.....	12½	10	10	10	10	12	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	16-18	14	12½	2	2½
	1905.....	15	12½	12½	12½	12½	12½	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	20	15	13	1½	4
	1909.....	15	10	12½	18	18	18	20	12	20	35	30	6	28	30	18	17	3	3½	
	1910.....	18	12½	15	18	18	18	25	10	18	35	30	6	27	30	18	17	3	4	
	1911.....	18	13	15	15	18	.....	20	10	15	40	30	7	31	35	20	18	1½	4
	1912.....	20	15	15	18	18	17	23	15	18	42	35	7	33	38	20	.....	1½	4
	1913.....	25	20	20	18	21	17	25	18	19	38	36	8	30	32	20	18	1½	4	
Brantford.....	1900.....	13	10	10	12½	10	10	12½	10	13	20	.....	5	20	25	12½	10	2	5
	1905.....	15	10	8	15	15	13	15	12½	15	25	18	5	28	25	14	12	1½	5	
	1909.....	18	10	10	15	17	16	24	12½	18	40	30	6	.....	28	17	.....	1½	3½
	1910.....	20	12	.....	18	15	15	22	d 13	20	40	32	6	.....	28	18	.....	1½	3½
	1911.....	20	12	.....	15	15	15	22	d 13	17	40	30	8	.....	35	22	18	1½	3½
	1912.....	20	12½	15	20	20	20	20	d 15	18	45	35	7	.....	35	20	18	1½	3½
	1913.....	25	14	15	22	20	20	25	15	18	20	.....	7	30	35	20	18	1½	5
(d) Whitefish and Salmon.																				
Brockville.....	1900.....	12½	10	8	10	10	8	14	8-10	10	25	20	5	22	23	11	11	1½	3½	
	1905.....	15	12½	10	12	11	10	15	8-12	11	30	24	5	32	23	12½	12½	1½	3½	
	1910.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1911½.....	22	15	12½	15	15	15	19	15	16	40	32	6	33	36	18	17	1½	4	
	1912.....	20	15	16	16	16	17	22	10	40	40	32	6	32	33	18	18	1½	3½	
1913.....	25	18	15	16	24	18	25	20	20	50	40	8	33	33	20	20	1½	3½		

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	Rolled oats, per lb.	Rice, good, medium, per lb.	Beans, handpicked, per lb.	Apples, evaporated, per lb.	Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	Sugar.		Tea.		Coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	Starch, laundry, per lb.	Coal.		Wood.		Coal oil, per gallon.
								Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.	
ONTARIO:—																				
Belleville	1900	6 2	2½	5	5	.....	5	4½	25-40	25-40	30-40	1.00-1.05	10	8	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	5.00	4.00-5.00	15
	1905	2½	3	5	.....	10	5	4½	25-40	25-40	30-40	1.00-1.05	10	8	6.75	5.00	7.50	5.00	15
	1909	3	4	5	5	10	8½	5½	5	30-40	30-40	30-40	50-90	10	10	6.75	5.00	6.00	4.50-5.00	25
	1910	3	3½	5	5	10	10	6½	5½	30-40	30-40	30-40	90-110	10	10	7.00	5.00	6.50	4.50	20
	1911	3	4	5	5	12½	10	6½	5½	30-40	30-40	30-40	1.75	10	10	7.25	5.75	7.00	5.00
	1912	3	4	5	5	12½	6½	5½	30-40	30-40	30-40	1.50	10	10	8.50	5.50	6.50	5.00-5.50	20
	1913	2½	4	6	7	10	5½	5	30-40	30-40	30-40	1.40	10	8	7.75	6.50	6.00	20
Berlin	1900	2½	4	5	3	.....	8½	5½	40-40	40-40	12½-20	75-80	10	8	8.00	5.00	6.00	4.50-5.00	20
	1905	2½	4	5	.....	.....	8½	5	40-40	40-40	12½-20	75-80	10	10	7.00	5.00	8.00	3.50	.....
	1909	3	4½	5	5	7	6	5	30-30	30-30	20-30	80-75	10	10	7.25	4.50	8.00	20
	1910	3	4	5	5	10	5½	5	30-30	30-30	30-30	75-75	10	8	7.25	5.00	8.00	5.00	20
	1911	3	5	5	5	15	6½	6½	40-40	40-40	40-40	1.50	10	8	7.50	5.00	8.00	5.00	20
	1912	3	4½	10	7	15	12-15	4½	4½	25-40	30-40	25-40	1.20	10	10	8.00	6.00	8.50	5.50	22
	1913	3	4½	10	5	7	7-15	5	4½	25-40	30-40	25-40	1.15	10	10	8.00	6.00	9.00	6.00	22
Brantford	1900	2½	3	5	3	.....	10	5	25-50	25-50	30-30	75-75	10	8	6.00	5.00	6.00	4.50	16
	1905	3	3	5	4	.....	10	5½	25-50	25-50	20-30	85-75	10	8	6.75	5.00	6.75	5.50	18
	1909	3	5	7	4	.....	8	5½	25-25	25-25	35-35	75-75	10	9	7.00	3.50	8.00	.....	16
	1910	3	5	7	6	.....	8	5½	25-40	25-40	35-35	80-80	10	9	7.25	5.00	8.00	5.00	16
	1911	3	5	7	5	.....	12½	7½	25-40	25-40	35-35	1.50-1.50	10	9	7.25	5.00	8.00	5.00	16
	1912	3-3½	5	5	7	.....	12½	6½	25-40	25-40	25-40	1.25-1.25	10	8	8.00	5.75	8.00	6.50	16
	1913	3	4½	6	5	.....	12½	5½	30-25	40-40	40-40	1.00	10	8	8.00	6.00	7.00	5.00	20
Brockville	1900	3	3	5	2½	6	8	5	30-30	30-30	35-35	75-90	5	6	6.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	15	
	1905	3	3	5	3	8	10	5	30-30	30-30	35-35	90-90	6	6	6.50	4.50	4.50	3.50	18	
	1910
	1911	3½	4	5	5	12½	10	6½	6½	30-40	35-40	1.50-1.10	9	8	7.00	.....	5.00	4.00	20
	1912	3	3½	5	7½	15	18	6	5	35-40	40-40	1.25-1.25	9	8	7.50	5.00	6.00	4.50	20	
	1913	3	4	5	5	10	10	5	5½	35-40	40-40	1.20	9	8	7.50	5.00	6.50	5.00	20	

(a) Flour at from 70-80c per 25 lb. bag. (b) Sugar 21-19 lbs. per \$1.00 (c) Sugar per \$1.00, 16 and 18 lbs.

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		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.			Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.
ONTARIO:—Continued																			
Chatham	1900.....	12½	10-8-10-10-10-12½	10	12½	15	.....	12½	12½	18	.....	5	20-20-20-25	.....	16	15	1½	2½	
	1905.....	12½	10	12½	12	12½	15	.....	12½	13	25	.....	6	25	.....	16	15	1½	2½
	1909.....	15	11	12½	15	18	16	22	13	20	35	30	7	25	30	16	.....	2	5
	1910.....	18	12½	15	18	15	.....	25	15	20	35	30	7	28	30	16	16	1½	3½
	1911.....	18	15	15	16	15	16	20	a10 b15	15	35	30	7	28	30	16	16	1½	4
	1912.....	20	15	15	15	18	14	24	b15 b15	17	35	30	8	28	32	18	18	1½	4
	1913.....	20	15	18	20	25	20	26	a10	18	35	.....	8	30	32	18	18	1½	3½
Cobalt*	1900.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1905.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1910.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1911.....	20	12½	15	20	15	15	20	10-12½-14	15	50-45	35	10	30	35	18	.....	3	4
	1912.....	22	12½	15	18	20	18	22	15-12-12	20	50	32	10	.....	35	20	.....	3	3½
	1913.....	25	16	15	20	20	18	24	14	17	60	40	12	.....	38	20	.....	3	3½
Guelph.....	1900.....	15	10	11	12½	10	8	13	10	12	18	13	5	16	20	14	12	3	3½
	1905.....	18	12½	12½	15	12½	10	17	12½	14	18	13	5	20	24	15	12½	3	3½
	1909.....	18	11	10	12½	17	15	22	15	19	32	28	6	22	30	17	.....	2½	4
	1910.....	20	14	14	18	18	18	23	12½	19	35	30	7	27	29	20	15-17	3	4
	1911.....	20	12½	13	16	17	18	22	15	17	38	30	7	32	35	20	17	3	4
	1912.....	20	15	18	16	18	18	20	15	20	45	.....	7	31	34	20	20	3	4
	1913.....	25	18	25	19	22	18	25	17	20	47	35	7	30	34	20	20	3	4
Hamilton.....	1900.....	10-11	8	7	8-10-10-10-10-12	8	8	10	10	11	23-22-22-24	17-17	6	23-24	26-28-26	12½	12½	2	2½
	1905.....	12	8	9	10	12	10	12	12	12	24	20	7	24	28	12½	12½	2	2½
	1909.....	15	12½	11	10	18	16	23	12½	18	45	30	7	30	35	18	.....	1½	4
	1910.....	17	11-14	14	12	18	18	25	101-30	18	42	30	7	30	33	20	15	1½	3½
	1911.....	20	12	15	20	15	16	18	15	15	55	35	8	27	35	20	20	1½	3½
	1912.....	18	12½	15	20	19	16	22	15	18	50	35	8	32	35	20	20	1½	3½
	1913.....	22	15	18	20	22	22	23	15	18	60	40	8	33	35	22	20	1½	3½

(a) Herring. (b) Whitefish.

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								Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium in it, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.	
ONTARIO:—Contd.																				
Chatham	1900	2	3½	5	4	10	10	5½	5	25-40	25-40	40	1.50	10	9	7.00	3.75	4.75	3.00	18
	1905	2½	3½	5	4	10	10	5½	5	25-40	25-40	40	1.50	10	9	7.00	3.75	4.75	3.00	18
	1909	3	4	5	4	12½	12	5½	5	30-40	30-40	30	1.00	10	8	7.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	15
	1910	2½	3½	7	5	10	10	5½	5	30-40	30-40	40	80	10	8	7.25	5.00	5.00	3.50	10
	1911	2½	4	5	5	12	8½	5½	35	30	40-40	40	1.60	10	8	7.25	5.00	5.00	5.00	15
	1912	3½	4	5	5	12½	6½	5½	35	35	40-40	40	1.25	10	8	9.00	5.25	5.00	5.00	15
	1913	3	4	5	5	12½	12	5½	6½	40	30	35	1.25	10	6	8.00	5.25	5.00	5.00	15
Cobalt	1900																			
	1905																			
	1910																			
	1911	3½	5	5	5	15	10	7½	6½	25	25	30	1.50	10	8	9.50	5.50	5.00	5.00	25
	1912	3½	5	5	6	13	15	6½	5½	30	30	40	1.20	10	10	11.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	25
1913	3½	5	6	5	10	13	6½	5½	30	30	45	1.35	10	10	10.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	25	
Guelph	1900	2	3	5	5	4	10	6	5	25-40	25-40	25-40	75	10	8	8.75	4.00	5.00	3.50	23
	1905	2½	4	5	5	4	10	5	4	25-40	25-40	40	60	10	8	7.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	22
	1909	3	3½	5	5	8	10	5½	5	25-50	25-40	40	70	10	8	7.00	5.00	8.75	20	
	1910	2½	4	5	5	10	10	6	5½	25-50	25-40	40	60	10	8	7.00	5.50	8.00	5.50	18
	1911	3	4	5	5	12½	7	6	6	25-40	25-40	40	1.40	10	8	7.25	5.00	8.00	5.00	18
	1912	3	4	5	5	12½	7	6	6	25-40	25-40	40	1.25	10	8	8.00	5.50	8.00	5.00	18
	1913	3	4	5	7	12½	6	5½	40	40	25-40	40	1.10	10	8	7.50	5.50	8.50	5.50	18
Hamilton	1900	3	4	5	3½	9	10	5	4½	25-60	25-60	25-65	70	10	6	5.50	4.00	8.00	7.00	14
	1905	3	4	5	3½	9	10	5	4½	25-60	25-60	40	75	10	6	6.75	5.00	8.00	7.00	15
	1909	3	4	5	5	9	9	5	5	25-40	25-40	40	75	10	8	6.75	5.50	7.00	7.00	18
	1910	3	4	5	5	10	10	5½	5½	35-40	35-40	40	90	8	8	6.75	5.50	7.00	5.50	18
	1911	3	4	5	5	12	12	7	6½	25-40	25-40	40	1.60	10	8	7.00	5.75	8.00	6.00	18
	1912	3	4	5	5½	12	15	7	6½	25-40	25-40	40	1.25	10	8	8.00	6.00	9.00	7.00	18
1913	3	4	5	5½	12	15	5	4½	40	40	40	1.20	10	8	7.50	6.00	10.00	8.00	18	

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Beef.		Veal, forequarters, per lb.	Mutton, hindquarters, per lb.	Pork.		Bacon, best smoked, per lb.	Fish, fresh, good quality, per lb.	Lard, pure leaf, per lb.	Eggs.		Milk, per quart.	Butter.		Cheese.		Bread.		
		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.			Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.	
ONTARIO—Continued																				
Kingston	1900.....	10-12	8	7	10	10	8-8	12	.....	13	25	22	5	20	22	14	12	3	2½
	1905.....	12	8	7	10	10	10	16	.....	14	28	22	5	20	25	19-15	15	3	2½
	1909.....	12½	10	8	10	15	15	20	12½	18	45	28	6	23	28	20	.....	3	3½
	1910.....	.....	13	10	15	18	16	20	12½	18	34	27	6	.....	29	16	13	3	3½
	1911.....	20	15	10	15	15	18	23	12½	18	50	30	6	25	30	15	13	3	4	
	1912.....	20	15	10	15	17	15	22	12½	17	35	.....	7	.....	35	20	18	3	4
	1913.....	20	15	10	15	20	15	20-22	12½	17	50	.....	7	.....	35	20	18	3	4
London	1900.....	12½	8	8	8	10	10	13	10	13	22	18	5	22	25	14	12	3	2½	
	1905.....	15	10	12	15	15	15	17	13	13	28	24	5	25	27	17	15	1½	2½	
	1909.....	18	12	15	15	18	18	22	15-18	19	28	25	6	27	30	16	.....	1½	3½
	1910.....	18	12	15	15	15	18	29	15	18	35	30	6	24	30	20	16	1½	4	
	1911.....	18	12	15	15	15	20	20	15	15	40	30	6	28	33	20	18	1½	3½	
	1912.....	22	15	17	15	18	18	23	18	18	45	30	7	30	34	20	18	1½	4	
	1913.....	25	17	18	20	20	20	26	18	18	50	40	7	30	33	22	19	1½	4	
Niagara Falls	1900.....	15	9	10	12	13	.....	18	10	13	25	20	5	.....	25	20	15	.....	.....
	1905.....	18	12	12	14	10	.....	22	.....	15	30	25	6	.....	30	20	18	.....	.....
	1909.....	18	10	12	17	18	16	22	15	19	40	31	7	28	31	16	.....	2½	3½
	1910.....	18	10	15	20	20	16	28	12	20	45	35	7	30	32	17	16	1½	4	
	1911.....	20	12½	15	18	18	16	25	15	20	40	35	8	31	33	20	17	1½	4	
	1912.....	23	15	15	20	20	16	25	15	20	45	35	8	32	37	25	18	1½	4	
	1913.....	23	15	20	23	25	18	28	18	20	45	.....	8	30	35	22	20	1½	4
Orillia	1900.....	12½	8	10	10	12½	12	14	10	13	22	18	5	19	22	16	14	3	3½	
	1905.....	15	10	10	12	12½	12	18	.....	15	27	25	5	24	26	.....	.....	3	3½
	1910.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1911.....	20	14	15	15	15	15	22	12	16	35	30	7	27	35	.....	17	3	3½
	1912.....	20	15	18	15	16	23	12½	18	33	28	7	28	35	18	3	3½	
	1913.....	25	17	18	15	18	28	14	20	45	38	8	28	35	20	18	3	3½	

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	Rolled oats, per b.	Rice, good, medium, per lb.	Beans, handpicked, per lb.	Apples, evaporated, per lb.	Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	Sugar.		Tea.		Coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	Starch, laundry, per lb.	Coal.		Wood.		Coal oil, per gallon.
								Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.	
ONTARIO.—Contd.																				
Kingston	1900	2	4	5	5	10	7	4½	4	25-30	25-30	30	75	10	7	5.50	4.50	5.00	3.50	20
	1905	3	4	5	5	10	7	5	4	25-30	25-30	30	1.00	10	7	6.50	5.00	7.00	4.50	20
	1909	3	4	5	5	10	10	6	5	30	25	30	40	10	8	7.00	5.00	8.00	.....	15-18
	1910	3½	5	5	5	12	13	6½	5	35	35	30-40	85	13	10	7.00	6.25	7.00	4.50	20
	1911	3	5	5	5	20	13	6½	5	35	35	40	1.50	10	8	7.00	6.25	7.00	4.50	15
	1912	3½	5	5	6	12½	12½	6½	5½	35	35	40	90	10	8	7.75	5.50	7.00	5.00	15
	1913	3½	5	5	6	12½	12½	6½	5½	35	35	40	1.10	10	8	7.75	5.50	7.00	5.00	15
London	1900	2	2½	5	4	5	10	5	4½	25	25	40	35	10	7	6.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	16
	1905	2½	4	5	5	.....	10	5½	5	25	25	40	1.00	10	7	7.00	5.00	6.00	4.00	15
	1909	3½	5	7	5	9	10	6	5	30	30	40	65	10	10	7.50	4.50	8.50	.....	15
	1910	3	5	5	5	13	12	5½	5	30	30	40	75	10	7	7.00	6.00	8.00	6.00	15
	1911	3	5	5	5	.....	15	6½	5½	30	30	40	1.40	10	8	7.50	6.00	8.00	6.00	15
	1912	3	5	5	7	.....	13	5½	5½	30	30	40	1.30	10	8	7.50	6.50	8.00	6.00	15
	1913	3	5	5	6	.....	13	5½	5	30	30	40	1.10	10	8	8.00	6.50	8.00	6.00	17
Niagara Falls	1900	2½	3½	5	4	10	10	5½	5	25	25	25	75	12½	8	5.50	4.00	.....	.....	20
	1905	2½	3½	5	5	12½	10	5½	5	25	25	25	1.00	12½	10	6.25	4.00	.....	.....	20
	1909	3½	5	5	5	7	10	5½	4½	30	30	35	90	10	8	6.25	4.00	6.00	.....	20
	1910	3½	5	5	5	.....	10	5½	5	50	50	40	90	10	8	6.00	4.00	7.00	5.00	20
	1911	2½	5	5	5	12½	10	6½	5½	50	50	40	1.65	10	8	6.25	4.50	7.00	5.00	20
	1912	3	4	5	9	.....	10	6½	6	50	50	28	1.35	10	8	7.00	5.00	7.00	5.00	20
	1913	3	4	5	7	.....	13	5½	5	50	50	28	1.35	13	10	6.75	5.00	7.00	5.00	18
Orillia	1900	2	2½	8	.....	.....	.....	5	4½	25	25	40	70-75	10	7	.....	.....	5.00	3.50	15-20
	1905	2½	2½	8	.....	.....	10	6½	5½	25	25	40	40-45	10	5-6	7.25	5.25	4.75	2.50	.....
	1910 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1911	3	3½	5	5	12½	15	7	6	25	25	40	1.50	10	7	7.50	5.50	6.00	3.50	25
	1912	3	3½	5	6	12	10	5½	8	30	30	40	90	10	7	8.75	6.00	7.50	5.50	15-20
	1913	3	3½	5	5	12	12½	5½	5½	30	30	40	1.20	10	7	7.70	6.00	6.75	4.50	15-20

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Beef.				Pork.				Eggs.	Butter.	Cheese.		Bread.					
		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.	Veal, forequarters, per lb.	Mutton, hindquarters, per lb.	Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.	Bacon, best smoked, per lb.	Fish, fresh, good quality, per lb.			Lard, pure leaf, per lb.	New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.	Milk, per quart.	Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian new per lb.
Ottawa	1900....	15	7	8	7	10	10	15	6	10	20	6	20	22	17	12½	1½	5	
	1905....	18	8	8	9	9	12	18	6	12½	24	7	24	26	15	13	1½	5	
	1909....	15	15	10	15	12	15	22	20	19	60	8	25	28	18	.....	1	5	
	1910....	20	14	18	15	15	15	20	15	19	50	8	26	32	18	15	3	3½	
	1911....	20	12½	12	15	15	12½	18	15	15	50	8	30	32	22	18	3	3½	
	1912....	20	12½	12½	15	12½	12½	20	8	20	50	9	28	32	20	18	3	3½	
	1913....	25	15	.....	22	20	20	25	20	20	60	9	30	32	20	18	1½	4	
Owen Sound	1900....	15	10	10	12½	10	.....	12	.....	15	20	18	.....	20	25	16	15	.....
	1905....	15	10	12½	12½	12½	.....	13	.....	15	24	22	.....	24	29	16	15	.....
	1909....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1910....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1911....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1912....	22	13-	15-	15	17	17	20	11	15	35	32	7	27	28	18	18	1½	4
	1913....	22	14-	15	15	20	20	23	11	17	45	40	7	27	.....	18	18	1½	4
Peterborough	1900....	12½	10	10	12½	10	9	13	10	15	25	20	6	20	25	17	15	2	2½
	1905....	12½	10	10	12½	12	10	15	10	18	25	20	6	20	25	18	16	2	2½
	1909....	15	10	10	15	18	18	20	12½	20	34	30	6	20	30	18	10	2	5
	1910....	20	12	12½	18	18	17	23	15	20	35	30	7	25	30	20	17	2	5
	1911....	18	12½	12½	15	16	12½	20	15	18	38	36	7	30	32	22	20	2	5
	1912....	20	12½	12½	18	16	15	25	15	20	40	30	7	28	33	20	15	1½	3½
	1913....	25	16	16	22	20	17	26	18	20	45	40	7	30	32	20	18	1½	3½
Port Arthur and Fort William	1900....	15	12½	15	15	15	12½	15	10	17	20	18	.....	20	23	.....	.....	.....
	1905....	18	12½	12½	18	18	14	18	10	17	28	25	.....	25	28	.....	.....	.....
	1909....	18	12½	15	20	20	20	25	15	15	60	35	10	30	35	20	.....	2	4½
	1910....	25	20	15	22	25	20	23	12	20	50	35	10	25½	30	.....	20	2	3½
	1911....	25	20	17	25	25	18	22	12½	20	45	35	12	30	35	.....	20	2	3½
	1912....	25	12½	15-	22-	22-	18-	22-	12½	15-	40	35	10	35	40	20	20	2	3½
	1913....	25	15-	18	25	20	20	25	15	18	40	35	10	35	40	20	20	1½	5;

(4) Haddock.

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								Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.			
ONTARIO—Contd. Ottawa.....	1900....	2½	2½	4	3	10	9	4½	4	30	25	35	40	60	10	6	7.50	5.00	4.00	2.50	25	
	1905....	2½	2½	5	4	9	10	4½	4	30	25	35	40	80	10	7	7.50	5.00	4.50	3.00	25	
	1909....	3	3½	5	5	12½	10	5	4½	20	20	20	25	40	55	10	7½	7.50	5.50	6.00	6.50	20
	1910....	3	4	4½	5	10	15	5½	5	30	30	40	1.10	10	8	7.50	5.50	6.50	3.75	20		
	1911....	4	4	5	5	12½	15	6½	6	30	30	40	1.75	10	8	7.50	5.50	7.00	3.50	25		
	1912....	4	5	5	6	12½	15	6	5½	40	35	40	1.00	10	8	8.00	5.50	7.50	4.50	20		
	1913....	4½	4	5	6	10	10	5	5	40	40	40	1.25	10	8	8.00	5.50	6.50	4.50	25		

Owen Sound..	1900....	2	.....	5	4	9	9	5	4	25	25	.....	50	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1905....	2½	.....	5	5	9	9	5	4	25	25	.....	90	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1909....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1910....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1911....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1912....	2½	4	5	7	12½	15	6½	5½	25	25	40	1.15	10	10	8	9.00	6.00	7.00	3.75	15
	1913....	2½	4½	5	7	12½	12½	5½	5½	30	30	40	1.25	10	10	7.75	6.00	7.50	3.50	15	

Peterborough..	1900....	2½	3	5	5	9	10	5	5	35	25	40	75	10	8	.....	.....	5.00	2.50	20
	1905....	2½	5	5	5	10	10	5	4½	35	25	40	75	10	10	.....	.....	5.00	2.75	20
	1909....	2½	3½	5	5	12½	8½	6	5	40	40	40	60	10	10	7.50	5.60	7.00	.....	20
	1910....	3	3½	5	5	12½	12½	5½	5	40	40	40	80	10	10	7.50	5.50	5.50	3.00	20
	1911....	2½	3	5	5	15	15	6½	6½	40	40	40	1.45	10	10	7.75	5.50	6.00	3.50	20
	1912....	3½	4½	5	7	15	15	5½	5	40	40	40	1.10	10	10	8.25	5.50	7.00	3.50	20
	1913....	4	4½	5	7	12½	12½	5	4	40	40	40	1.20	10	10	8.25	5.50	6.50	3.00	20

Port Arthur and Fort William.	1900....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1905....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1909....	3½	3½	5	5	12½	8½	7	5	50	50	40	1.00	10	10	8.75	6.00	5.00	3.00	35
	1910....	3½	3½	5	5	15	15	6½	5½	60	40	40	1.00	10	10	8.00	6.50	6.00	4.00	25
	1911....	3½	3½	5	5	17½	15	7½	6½	60	40	40	1.25	10	10	8.50	6.00	6.00	4.00	25
	1912....	3½	3½	5	6½	15	15	7½	6½	30	30	40	1.25	10	10	8.50	5.75	6.00	4.50	25
	1913....	3½	3½	5	5	12½	12½	5½	5½	60	30	50	1.10	10	10	8.25	6.00	6.50	4.50	25

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		Stirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.			Fresh rounding, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new per, lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.
ONTARIO:—Continued																			
Sault Ste Marie.....	1900.....																		
	1905.....																		
	1909.....	15	9																
	1910.....	17	10	12½	16	17	17	20	12½	20	50	30	9	26	30	16		14	43
	1911.....	18	12½	14	18	18	16	22	12½	18	50	30	10	27	32	17		14	4
	1912.....	20	15	16	18	17	15	20	12½	16				28	30	34	20	14	43
	1913.....	23	20		15	15	14	15	12½	18	50	50	19	27	35	20		14	43
	1913.....	28	18	18	23	22	17	24	15	18	45	30	10	27	35	20	18	14	43
Stratford.....																			
	1900.....	12½	8	8	10	12	10	12½	10	12½	18	15	5	18		17	15	2	3
	1905.....	15	10	10	12½	14	12	16	12½	14	20	16	6	23	25	17	15	1½	3½
	1909.....	18	12½	12½	14	15	15	22	12½	18	32	29	6	25	27	17		1½	4
	1910.....	18	15	13	18	22	20	25	12½	18	30	30	6	25	26	17	15	1½	3½
	1911.....	18	15	13	18	22	20	25	12½	16	32	28	7	28	30	17	17	1½	3½
	1912.....	20	16	14	18	22	20	24	15	18	40	33	7	28	30	20	20	1½	3½
	1913.....	20	15	16	18	22	20	27	15	18	43	38	7	27	31	18	18	1½	3½
St. Catharines.....																			
	1900.....																		
	1905.....																		
	1909.....	18	10	8	15	15	18	15	20	15	18	40	30	7	25	34	16		2½
	1910.....	18	12½	15	15	18	18	28	15	18	40	34	7	27	30	18	15	3	4
	1911.....	18	12½	15	15	17	13	22	15	15	45	35	7	28	34	20	18	3	4
	1912.....	22	18	20	22	18	16	22	10	20	40	32	8	28	38	22	18	3	4
	1913.....	24	18	22	22	18	16	24	15	20	42	30	8	28	32	22	18	3	4
	1913.....	26	20	24	24	18	16	24	15	20	45	32	8	28	35	22	18	3	4
St. Thomas.....																			
	1900.....	15	12½	12½	12½	12½		15	9	12½	18		5	20	23	14	12½	2	2½
	1905.....	15	12½	12½	15	12½		18		14	25	23	5	23	28	18	15	2	2½
	1909.....	18	12½	12½	14	17	18	23	10	20	35	28	6	28	32	17		1½	4
	1910.....	20	14	14	17	17	16	24	10	18	35	30	6	25	30	20	16	1½	3½
	1911.....	20	12½	15	18	17	14	18	15	15	35		7	30	34	22	18	1½	3½
	1912.....	20	12½	12½	17	18	15	21	16	18	28	35	7	32	35	25	20	1½	3½
	1913.....	25	17	15	20	20		23	18	20	40	38	7	27	30	20	18	1½	3½

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								Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.		
Sault Ste Marie.....	1900.....																				
	1905.....																				
	1909.....	3	4½	5	5	12½	10	5½	5½	30	40	30	75	10	10	7.50	5.50	5.50	.....	25
	1910.....	3	5	5	5	12½	12½	5	5	30	30	30	1.15	10	10	8.00	5.50	6.00	4.00	22	
	1911.....	3½	6½	5	5	13	12½	7½	6½	30	30	30	1.50	10	10	8.00	5.50	6.00	6.00	22	
	1912.....	3½	5	5	5	.....	10	5½	5	40	40	40	1.00	10	10	9.00	.....	5.50	4.00	25
	1913.....	3½	5	7	6	10	12½	5½	5½	40	40	45	1.00	10	10	8.25	6.00	7.00	4.50	22	
Stratford.....	1900.....	3	3	5	4	10	9	6½	5	25	25	25	90	10	6	6.00	6.00	4.00	3.00	18	
	1905.....	2½	3	5	4	10	9	6½	5	25	25	25	75	10	6	7.00	7.00	5.00	3.50	18	
	1909.....	2½	5	5	5	10	10	6	5	25	30	30	75	10	10	7.00	6.00	8.50	.....	18
	1910.....	3	4	5	5	8	10	6½	5½	25	30	30	60	10	10	7.00	6.00	8.50	7.00	18	
	1911.....	3	4	5	5	8	12	7	5½	30	30	30	1.00	10	10	7.00	7.00	8.50	7.00	18	
	1912.....	3	4	5	5	.....	12	7	5½	25	30	30	1.25	10	10	8.00	8.00	8.50	7.00	18
	1913.....	3	4	5	5	10	8	7	5½	30	30	40	1.25	10	10	7.75	7.75	8.50	7.00	18	
St. Catharines.	1900.....																				
	1905.....																				
	1909.....	2½	4	7	5	.....	10	6	5	40	40	25	80	10	8	7.00	.....	8.00	.....	17
	1910.....	3	3½	5	5	.....	10	7	6	40	40	30	75	10	8	6.75	.....	8.00	5.00	17
	1911.....	3	3½	5	5	.....	10	7	6½	40	40	30	1.70	10	8	7.00	.....	8.00	8.00	17
	1912.....	3	4	5	5	.....	10	15	6½	40	45	40	1.30	10	7	7.50	4.75	8.50	7.50	20
	1913.....	3	3	5	7	.....	15	5½	4½	30	30	45	1.30	10	7	7.75	4.75	8.50	7.50	20
St. Thomas ...	1900.....	3	2½	5	4	10	7	6½	5½	25	25	25	65	10	10	6.50	5.00	2.50	.....	20
	1905.....	3½	3	5	5	10	15	6	5	25	25	25	75	10	10	7.00	5.50	3.25	.....	20
	1909.....	3½	3½	5	5	10	8	5½	5	40	40	40	80	10	8½	7.00	4.00	6.00	.....	18
	1910.....	3	3	5	5	12½	10	15	5	40	40	40	90	10	8	7.25	6.00	6.00	4.00	15	
	1911.....	2½	4	5	5	12	13	7	6½	30	30	30	25	10	10	7.25	6.00	6.00	3.80	16	
	1912.....	3½	4	5½	5	12½	10	6	5½	40	40	40	1.25	10	10	8.00	6.00	6.00	3.50	18	
	1913.....	3½	3½	5	5	12½	12½	5½	5½	40	40	40	1.25	10	10	7.75	5.00	3.25	18	

(a) Flour at 70c-80c the 25 lb. bag.

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		Stirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.			Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.	
ONTARIO—Continued Toronto	1900....	12½ 14	10	8 9	9 10	10 13	8	10 14	8 10	13	22	18	.....	22	25	14	13	3	3½
	1905....	16	14	11 12	11 12	14	10	14 16	10 12½	11	26	21	.....	23	27	15	13	3	3½
	1909....	20	8	8	15	20	17	22	15	18	50	28	8	24	33	17	.....	3	3
	1910....	20	7½	6½	10	16	14	20	12½	15	55	30	9	39	33	17	15	3	3½
	1911....	22	9½	8½	12	18	16	22	15	17	60	35	9	39	33	18	16	3	3½	
	1912....	18	10	12½	16	12	20	20	12½	15	60	30	10	27	32	33	20	18	3	3½
	1913....	20	12½	12½	15	18	12	20	20	15	50	35	10	35	37	20	17	3	3½	
1913....	25	16	16	19	18	12	22	18	50	30	32	10	28	32	35	20	17	3	3½	
1913....	30	18	18	21	22	14	25	22	55	32	10	32	35	35	20	17	3	3½		

Windsor	1900....	15	10	12½	12½	12½	10	18	10	12½	15	.....	5	18	22	16	.....	1½	3½
	1905....	20	12½	15	12½	12½	12½	20	12½	15	18	.....	6	20	25	16	.....	1½	3½
	1909....	18	12½	9	12½	18	16	22	15	15	35	30	7	30	35	20	.....	1½	4
	1910....	15	12	9	12½	16	14	20	15	18	38	30	8	30	37	20	20	1½	4
	1911....	18	12	12½	15	18	16	22	15	20	40	28	8	30	35	24	20	1½	4
	1912....	23	14	10	18	20	16	22	15	20	40	.....	10	35	38	24	20	1½	4
	1913....	23	14	15	18	20	16	26	15	20	40	.....	8	35	37	24	20	1½	4

Woodstock	1900....	12½	10	10	12½	10	10	17	.....	13	20	.....	5	20	22	15	13	1½	3½
	1905....	18	15	12½	15	12½	12½	18	.....	13	27	.....	6	25	27	18	16	1½	3½
	1909....	18	10	10	13	18	16	22	13	20	35	30	6	28	30	20	.....	1½	4
	1910....	18	12½	11	13	18	18	25	13	20	35	30	6	25	30	20	15	1½	4
	1911....	20	14	15	15	18	18	22	15	40	32	7	30	35	20	17	1½	4	
	1912....	22	14	15	15	20	20	25	18	38	32	7	30	35	25	20	1½	4	
	1913....	22	14	15	18	20	20	25	18	45	.....	7	32	34	25	18	1½	4	

(a) Herring. (b) Whitefish.

Averages for ONTARIO (23 localities)	1900....	13.2	9.7	9.8	10.9	11.1	10.2	11.0	12.7	20.8	17.7	5.2	20.3	23.8	15.0	13.0	3.3
1905....	15.1	11.2	10.9	12.8	12.5	11.8	16.9	.....	13.9	24.7	21.4	5.6	23.3	26.5	16.0	14.3	.....	3.3
1909....	16.8	10.7	11.1	14.2	16.8	16.2	21.8	.....	18.5	39.4	29.4	6.8	26.0	30.4	17.6	16.4	.....	3.9
1910....	18.6	12.5	12.9	16.3	17.5	16.7	22.9	.....	19.7	40.4	30.7	7.1	26.8	30.4	18.4	16.1	.....	3.7
1911....	19.4	13.2	13.6	15.8	16.6	15.7	20.9	.....	16.2	42.2	31.7	7.2	29.7	33.6	19.7	17.8	.....	3.8
1912....	21.0	14.3	14.5	17.0	18.3	16.3	22.3	18.4	41.7	33.7	7.9	30.7	34.8	20.6	18.8	3.7	
1913....	23.7	12.5	16.9	19.5	20.9	18.0	25.3	18.7	46.1	36.7	8.0	29.8	33.3	20.2	18.4	3.8	

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								Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.	
Toronto	1900	2½	3	5	4	9	10	5	4½	20-30	25-35	30-40	75	10	7	6.00	4.50	6.00	5.00	...
	1905	3	3½	5	4	10	12½	5½	5	25-30	25-35	30-40	75	10	7	7.00	5.50	7.50	6.50	...
	1909	3	4	5	5	8	7	5	4½	30-35	25-35	25-30	70	10	7	7.25	7.50	8.00	7.50	18
	1910	3	4	5	5	10	10	5½	5	35-40	25-35	25-30	1.00	10	7	7.00	5.50	8.00	5.00	18
	1911	3	4½	5	5	10	10	6½	6	35-40	25-35	25-30	1.45	10	7	7.25	5.00	8.50	5.50	18
	1912	2½	2½	5	5	10	10	5½	5	35-40	25-35	25-30	1.30	10	7	8.25	5.50	8.50	5.50	25
	1913	2½	2½	5	5	10	12	5	4½	35-40	25-35	25-30	1.20	10	7	8.25	5.50	8.50	5.50	20-23

(b) 1912, 98 lb. bag, \$2.75; 1913, \$2.65.

(c) In 1910, 90 lb. bag at \$2.25; 1911 and 1912, \$2.60; 1913, \$2.30

Windsor	1900	3	5	5	10	10	10	5	4½	30	30	30	90	10	8	7.00	4.25	7.00	5.00	16
	1905	3	5	5	10	10	10	5	4½	30	30	30	1.65	10	8	7.50	4.50	7.00	5.00	16
	1909	3½	5	5	5	15	10	6	5	35	35	40	90	10	10	7.50	5.00	8.00	...	20
	1910	3	5	5	7	12½	12½	6	5	30	30	30	90	10	10	7.50	5.00	8.00	4.50	20
	1911	3	5	5	7	12½	12½	6	5	30	30	30	1.75	10	10	7.75	5.00	8.00	5.00	20
	1912	3	5	5	7	12½	12½	6	5	30	30	30	1.80	10	10	8.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	20
	1913	3	5	5	7	12½	12½	6	5	30	30	30	1.50	10	10	8.25	5.00	8.00	5.00	20

Woodstock	1900	2	3½	5	5	7	6½	6	25	25	30	1.00	10	10	6.75	5.00	7.00	4.00	...	
	1905	2½	3½	5	5	8½	5½	5½	25	25	30	1.00	10	10	7.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	...	
	1909	3	3½	5	5	10	8	5½	4½	25	25	25	85	10	10	7.00	4.00	8.00	...	18
	1910	2½	3	4	5	10	10	5½	5	25	25	25	60	10	10	7.00	4.50	7.50	6.00	16
	1911	2½	3½	4½	5	12½	7½	6½	25	25	25	1.50	10	10	7.25	4.25	8.00	6.00	18	
	1912	2½	3½	5	7	10	6½	5½	25	25	30	1.00	10	10	8.00	5.00	8.50	6.00	18	
	1913	2½	3½	5	5	10	12½	6	5½	25	25	30	1.20	10	10	7.75	5.00	8.50	6.00	18

(c) Flour in 1910 and 1911, \$2.65 per cwt; In 1912, \$2.75; In 1913, \$2.60.

Averages for	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
ONTARIO (23 localities)	2 4	3 6	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 1	3 0
	3 3	5 1	4 2	4 2	4 2	4 2	4 0
	5 1	4 8	5 0	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 4
	4 4	9 3	5 0	3 11	5 2	5 2	5 4
	8 7	9 8	10 0	11 0	12 4	12 4	11 5
	9 0	9 8	9 2	6 5	6 1	6 1	5 6
	5 3	5 3	5 7	5 2	6 1	5 7	5 4
	5 1	4 7	4 9	2 34	2 32	2 32	2 33
	30 9	29 8	32 2	33 7	32 9	32 9	34 2
	29 2	32 5	32 9	35 0	34 3	35 6	33 1
	32 4	31 5	32 9	84 8	84 8	84 8	84 8
	74 0	91 5	73 8	9 9	9 9	9 9	10 3
	9 9	7 8	8 7	8 7	8 7	8 7	8 7
	7 6	6 92	7 18	7 13	7 38	8 23	7 86
	6 23	4 78	4 99	6 59	5 43	5 66	5 60
	4 96	6 20	7 11	7 02	6 81	7 32	7 22
	5 25	4 51	4 77	4 77	4 89	5 07	5 19
	3 87	4 51	4 77	4 77	4 89	5 07	5 19
	16 3	11 4	19 1	18 3	19 3	19 3	19 3

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		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.			Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.
MANITOBA:—																			
Brandon.....	1900....	15	10	10	20	15	15	20	10	15	25	.....	20	.....	13	.....	1	5	
		10								20	.....	.....	27½	30	15	.....	1½	4	
	1905....	20	12½	12½	20	15	15	25	12½	20	28	.....	25	35	18	.....	1½	4	
	1909....	20	15	12½	18	18	15	25	15	22	50	35	8	25	35	18	.....	1½	4
									15	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1910....	17	12½	15	20	22	18	35	18	25	45	35	10	32	35	18	.....	1½	4
									15	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1911....	20	12½	12½	20	18	18	25	18	20	50	40	10	33	40	23	23	1½	4
1912....	20	15	15	20	18	18	25	20	20	40	30	11	37½	40	22½	22½	1½	4	
1913....	25	18	18	22	20	.....	35	.....	20	50	40	10	35	40	22½	22½	1½	5	

(s) Halibut.

Winnipeg.....	1900....	15	10	12½	12½	12	18	9	12½	15	25	.....	5.5	20	22	12½	15	.....	.....
		18								20	.....	.....	.....	20	22	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1905....	20	12½	14	17	18	18	20	10	15	25	25	6½	25	28	18	15	1	5
	1909....	18	12½	12½	15	19	16	25	15	22	60	35	10	27½	38	18	.....	1	5
	1910....	20	10	12½	18	18	20	23	12½	20	50	32½	10	30	35	16	.....	1	5
	1911....	23	14	14	22	22	21	28	12	18	40	35	10	33	40	20	20	1	5	
	1912....	25	16	18	24	22	18	25	12½	18	45	35	10	35	40	23	20	1	5	
	1913....	25	16	18	24	22	18	35	15	18	45	35	10	35	40	23	20	1	5	

Averages for MANITOBA (2 localities)	1900....	15.7	10.0	11.2	16.7	13.7	13.5	19.0	.....	15.0	21.2	17.5	5.5	20.0	23.5	13.2	15.0	.....	5.0
	1905....	17.5	12.5	13.5	18.5	16.5	16.5	22.5	.....	17.5	25.2	22.5	6.2	25.0	27.0	15.0	15.0	.....	4.0
	1909....	19.0	13.7	12.5	16.5	18.5	15.5	25.0	.....	22.0	55.0	35.0	9.0	26.2	36.5	18.0	18.0	.....	4.5
	1910....	18.5	11.2	13.7	19.0	20.0	19.0	31.5	.....	22.5	47.5	33.7	10.0	31.0	35.0	17.0	17.0	.....	4.5
	1911....	21.5	13.2	13.2	21.0	20.0	19.5	26.5	.....	19.0	45.0	37.5	10.0	33.0	40.0	21.5	21.5	.....	4.5
	1912....	22.5	15.5	16.5	22.0	20.0	18.0	25.0	.....	19.0	42.5	32.5	10.5	36.2	40.0	22.7	21.2	.....	4.5
	1913....	25.0	17.0	18.0	23.0	21.0	18.0	35.0	.....	19.0	47.5	37.5	10.0	32.5	37.5	22.7	21.2	.....	4.2

SASKATCHEWAN: Moosejaw.....	1900....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12½	.....	15	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1905....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1909....	17	10	15	15	15	15	25	12½	22	.....	35	10	30	40	20	.....	4	6½
	1910½....	17	10	15	15	15	15	25	12½	22	.....	35	10	30	40	20	.....	4	6½
	1911....	20	18	20	18	.....	25	15	22½	50	35	10	35	40	20	.....	4	6½	
	1912....	25	16	25	20	18	23	18	25	50	40	11	40	22½	6½	
	1913....	30	20	20	28	25	20	25	18	18	45	35	11	35	40	20	20	5

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MANITOBA:—																				
Brandon	1900.....	2½	3	6	5	15	8	6	5½	35	35	40	60	15	10	11.50	9.50	6.00	3.75	35
	1905.....	2½	3½	6	4½	15	8	6	5½	35	35	40	75	15	10	11.50	9.50	6.50	3.75	35
	1909.....	3½	5	7	10	15	10	6	6	35	40	40	90	10	10	11.50	9.00	6.50	35
	1910.....	3½	5	7	5	15	13	7	6½	35	35	35	1.10	10	10	11.50	9.00	6.75	4.75	35
	1911.....	3½	5	7	6	15	12½	8½	7½	30	30	30	90	15	10	11.25	9.25	9.00	6.00	30
	1912.....	3½	5	7	7	15	12½	7	6	35	35	35	75	15	10	11.75	9.50	8.75	6.75	30
	1913.....	3½	5	8½	5	12½	12½	6½	6½	35	35	40	1.00	13	10	11.50	9.00	7.50	5.75	30

Winnipeg	1900.....	2	4½	6	5	15	10	6	5	.....	50	45	90	20	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
	1905.....	2½	4½	4½	3	12	10	6	5½	.....	.....	40	50	10	10	10.00	.....	6.00	5.00	35
	1909.....	2½	6	8½	5	8½	8½	6	5	.....	.....	35	70	10	10	11.00	.....	6.75	.....	35
	1910.....	2½	4½	4½	4½	12½	10	7½	5½	35	35	35	1.35	15	10	10.50	9.00	7.50	6.50	35
	1911.....	2½	4	7	5	13½	12	7½	6½	35	35	35	1.35	12	8½	10.50	9.50	8.00	6.00	25
	1912.....	3½	5	7	6	12	12	6½	6½	35	35	35	90	10	8½	11.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	25
	1913.....	3½	5	6½	6	12	10	6½	6½	35	35	35	1.00	10	8	11.50	9.00	7.00	6.00	25

Averages for MANITOBA, (2 localities)	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	2.2	2.4	3.0	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.3
Rolled oats, per lb.	3.6	3.8	6.5	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.0
Rice, good, medium, per lb.	6.0	5.2	7.6	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.4
Beans, handpicked, per lb.	5.0	3.6	7.5	4.6	5.1	6.5	5.0
Apples, evaporated, per lb.	15.0	13.5	11.6	13.7	14.2	13.5	12.2
Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	9.0	9.0	9.2	11.5	12.2	12.2	11.2
Sugar, granulated in dollars lots per lb.	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.3	7.8	6.6	6.6
Sugar, yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.3	7.2	7.1	6.5
Tea, black, medium Indian, of Ceylon, per lb.	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	32.5	35.0	35.0
Tea, green, medium Japan, per lb.	42.5	35.0	37.5	35.0	32.5	35.0	35.0
Coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	42.5	40.0	53.7	35.0	35.0	35.0	37.5
Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	75.0	62.5	80.0	122.5	112.5	82.5	100.0
Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	17.5	12.5	10.0	12.5	13.5	12.5	11.5
Starch, laundry, per lb.	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	11.37	9.2	9.0
Coal, anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	11.50	10.75	11.25	10.75	11.37	11.37	11.50
Coal, bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	9.50	9.50	9.00	9.00	9.37	9.25	9.00
Wood, hard, best, per long cord.	6.00	6.25	6.63	7.13	8.50	7.87	7.25
Wood, soft, per cord.	3.75	4.37	5.63	6.30	6.00	6.37	5.87
Coal oil, per gallon.	35.0	35.0	30.0	30.0	27.5	27.5	27.5

SASKATCHEWAN:— Moosejaw	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	3	.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
Rolled oats, per lb.	3½	.....	5	5	5	5	5
Rice, good, medium, per lb.	7	7	7	7	7
Beans, handpicked, per lb.	12½	12½	12½	12½	12½
Apples, evaporated, per lb.	10	10	10	10	10
Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	6	6	6	6	6
Sugar, granulated in dollars lots per lb.	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½
Sugar, yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	40	40	40	40	40
Tea, black, medium Indian, of Ceylon, per lb.	40	40	40	40	40
Tea, green, medium Japan, per lb.	40	40	40	40	40
Coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	40	40	40	40	40
Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	75	.....	1.35	1.35	1.50	1.5	65
Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	15	15	15	15	15
Starch, laundry, per lb.	10	10	10	10	10
Coal, anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	14.50	14.50	13.50	13.10	13.50
Coal, bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.25	8.50
Wood, hard, best, per long cord.	9.00	8.00	8.00
Wood, soft, per cord.	8.00	8.00
Coal oil, per gallon.	35	35	35	35	30

*Pepper, Tamarac, etc.

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	Rolled oats, per lb.	Rice, good, medium, per lb.	Beans, handpicked, per lb.	Apples, evaporated, per lb.	Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	Sugar.		Tea.			Coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	Starch, laundry, per lb.	Coal.		Wood.*		Coal oil, per gallon	
								Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.	Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.					Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.			
Prince Albert.	1900																					
	1905																					
	1910																					
	1911																					
	1913	3	5	8	6	12½	12½	7	6½	40	40	30	90	15	10	13.50	11.00	5.50	4.50	30		

Regina	1900	3	3½	8½	5	12½	12½	10	10	35	50	30	45	15	15	13.00	6.75				35
	1905	3½	3½	8½	5	12½	12½	8	8	40	50	45	75	15	12½	12.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	40	
	1909	3½	3½	6	6	12½	10	5½	5½	35	35	33½	85	10	10	12.50	8.50	6.50		35	
	1910	4½	6	8	6	15	12½	7½	6½	33	40	35	1.35	15	10	13.00	8.50	8.00	7.75	36	
	1911	5	5	5	5	15	15	8½	7½	40	40	40	1.20	15	15	12.50	10.00	9.00	8.50	30	
	1912	3½	5	6½	5	15	12½	6½	6½	35	40	40	1.05	15	10	13.25	10.00	9.00	8.50	30	
	1913	3½	5	6½	5	15	12½	6½	6½	35	40	40	1.20	15	10	13.25	10.00	9.00	8.50	30	

Saskatoon	1900																				
	1905	2½																			
	1910	2½	3			9½	8½	6.3		33½	33½	33½	60			15.00	8.00			4.50	
	1911																				
	1913	3½	4	7	6	12½	12½	7½	6½	40	40	40	1.35	25	15	13.50	10.00	7.50	6.50	30	

Averages for SASKATCHEWAN. (4 localities)	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.7	4.3	3.6	3.4
Rolled oats, per lb.	3.3	3.3	3.4	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.2
Rice, good, medium, per lb.	8.3	8.3	8.2	6.5	5.0	6.0	6.8
Beans, handpicked, per lb.	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.5	6.7	6.7
Apples, evaporated, per lb.	12.5	10.7	12.5	13.7	15.0	16.2	14.3
Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	12.5	10.4	12.5	11.2	13.7	14.3	13.1
Granulated in dollars lots per lb.	10	7.1	5.8	6.5	7.4	6.2	6.6
Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	10.0	8.0	5.3	5.8	6.5	6.4	6.1
Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	35	37	37	37	40	38	38
Green, medium Japan, per lb.	50	41	53	54	54	48	49
Coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	30	39	36	37	40	36	37
Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	60	67	110	135	135	91	105
Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	15	13	12	15	15	17	16
Starch, laundry, per lb.	15	12	10	10	10	11	12
Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	13.00	12.50	13.50	13.00	12.50	13.46	13.43
Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	6.75	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.81	9.87
Hard, best, per long cord.	8.00	8.50	6.50	8.00	9.00	7.33	7.33
Soft, per cord.	8.00	8.50	7.50	7.75	8.75	8.87	8.87
Coal oil, per gallon	3.8	4.0	3.0	3.9	3.8	3.2	3.0

*Poplar, Tamarac, etc.

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Beef.		Veal, forequarters, per lb.	Mutton, hindquarters, per lb.	Pork.		Bacon, best smoked, per lb.	Fish, fresh, good quality, per lb.	Lard, pure leaf, per lb.	Eggs.		Butter.		Cheese.		Bread		
		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.			Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.	Milk, per quart.	Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.
ALBERTA:— Calgary.....	1900.....																		
	1905.....	15	10	12½	18	15	20	20	10	20	60	40	10	25	35	20		1½	6½
	1909.....	18	10-12	12½-15	18	18	20	30	a12½-15	20	60	40	10	25	35	18	17½	2	3½
	1910.....	20							a15-18	18	60	40	10	35	40	25	25	2	3½
	1911†.....	22							a15-18	18	60	40	10	33	40	22	22	2	3½
	1912‡.....	25	15	20	30	20	20	23	18	20	50-50	40	10	33	40	22	22	2	3½
	1913.....	22½	15	20	22	20	18	30	15	15	60	40	10	40	30	20	2	5	

†1911 prices taken from January, 1912.

‡ Prices taken from January, 1913.

(a) Halibut.

Edmonton.....	1900.....	12	10	10	15	10	10	14	15	10	30	...	5	27	25	20	15	1½	2½
	1905.....	15	12	15	17	12	12	18	15	12	35	30	5	23	30	20	20	1½	4½
	1909.....	15	10	14	18	18	20	20	15	19	45	35	8½	30	35	20	...	...	6½
	1910.....	15	12½	16	18	20	22	30	20	22	40	...	10	30	35	20	...	1½	5
	1911.....	20	12½	15	20	22	20	25	b10-20	18	50	40	10	25	35	20	20	1½	5
	1912.....	23	12½	18	25	23	20	30	a15-20	20	50	...	10	35	40	20	20	1½	5
	1913.....	27	15	22	25	20	20	28	a15-20	20	50	40	10	35	40	20	20	1½	5

(a) Halibut.

(b) Whitefish.

Lethbridge.....	1900.....	10	5	12½	12½	10	...	16	15	15	40	...	10	30	35	20	20	1	5
	1905.....	10	5	12½	12½	10	...	17	15	15	40	...	10	30	35	20	20	1	5
	1909.....	15	12½	10	15	12½	...	28	...	20	60	40	8	...	35	20	20	1	5
	1910.....	18	18	18	20	18	...	20-25	a15-25	20	60	40	8	...	35	20	20	1	5
	1911.....	20	15	18	23	22	25	28	a15-18	20	60	40	10	30	40	20	25	1	5
	1912.....	22	17	22	25	22	18	30	a15-20	18	60	40	10	35	40	35	25	1	5
	1913.....	25-28	16-18	18-22	22-25	20	20	30	15-20	18	60	45	10	30	40	20	20	1	5

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	Rolled oats, per lb.	Rice, good, medium, per lb.	Beans, handpicked, per lb.	Apples, evaporated, per lb.	Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	Sugar.		Tea.		Coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	Starch, laundry, per lb.	Coal.		Wood.*		Coal oil, per gallon.
								Granulated in dollar lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.	
ALBERTA:—																				
Calgary.....	1900.....																			
	1905.....	3½	5	6	6	15	10	7	6	40	40	40	95	20	10	7.00	6.50	.....	2.25	40
	1909.....	3½	5	6	6	15	10	6	6	25-40	35	35	1.30	15	10	8.50	6.25-6.75	7.00	.....	35
	1910.....	3½	4	8½	8½	12½	12½	7	7½	40	35	35	1.35	15	15	13.50	6.75	7.00	5.75	35
	1911.....	3½	4½	7	7	15	12½	5½	7½	35	40	40	95	15	10	8.95	6.75	.....	.....	35
	1912.....	3½	4½	7	7	15	12½	5½	7½	35	40	40	95	15	10	8.95	6.25-6.75	5.00	.....	35
	1913.....	3½	3½	6	7	15	10	5½	5½	40	40	35	1.05	15	10	7.00	6.75	5.50	4.00	35

Edmonton...	1900.....	3	3½	7	6	10	10	5	4½	40	40	40	60	20	12	3.00	.....	2.50	2.50	40
	1905.....	3½	3½	7	6	11	10	5½	5	40	40	40	75	20	12	3.50	.....	3.00	3.00	35
	1909.....	3½	5½	8	8	13	10	6½	6	40	40	40	90	20	12½	3.50	.....	3.00	3.00	35
	1910.....	3½	4	5	5	13	10	6½	6	40	40	40	90	20	12	4.00	.....	3.00	3.00	30
	1911.....	3½	4	5	5	12	10	7½	7	40	40	40	1.00	20	12	5.00	.....	3.50	3.50	30
	1912.....	4	4½	8	8	12½	12½	6½	6	40	40	40	1.05	20	12½	4.75	.....	3.50	3.50	30
	1913.....	3½	4	8	7	12½	11	6	5½	40	40	40	90	15	12½	4.00	.....	4.00	4.00	30

Lethbridge....	1900.....	8	8	8	8	17½	12½	6½	6	40-50	40-45	20	1.00	20	10	.....	3.75	.....	.....	40
	1905.....	3½	4½	8	8	12½	12½	6½	6½	40-40	40-45	20	1.00	20	10	.....	3.75	.....	.....	40
	1909.....	3½	5	8	8	12½	15	6½	6½	50	50	40	1.35	15	10	.....	4.25	.....	.....	35
	1910.....	3½	5	8	8	20	20	8	7	40	40	35	1.25	20	15	.....	.....	.....	4.50	35
	1911.....	3½	5	8	8	12½	15	8	7½	40	40	40	90	20	15	.....	5.00	.....	.....	35
	1912.....	3½	5	8	8	12½	12½	6½	6½	40	40	40	1.35	20	15	4.25	35
	1913.....	3½	5	8	7	12½	12½	6½	6½	40	40	45	1.35	20	15	4.25	35

*Poplar, Tamarac, etc.

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Beef.		Veal, forequarters, per lb.	Mutton, hindquarters, per lb.	Pork.		Bacon, best smoked, per lb.	Fish, fresh, good quality, per lb.	Lard, pure leaf, per lb.	Eggs.		Milk, per quart.	Butter.		Cheese.		Bread.		
		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.			Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.				New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.		Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.	
Medicine Hat.....	1900.....																			
	1905.....	15	10	15	18	18	12	16	10	12	35	25	6	22- 25	30	15	14	2	5	
	1909.....																			
	1910.....																			
	1911.....																			
	1912.....	30	20	25	25	25	20	25	18 a12½	20	60	45	12	30	45	25	25	1½	6½	
	1913.....	30	18	25	25	25	18	25	18	15	60	40	12	35	40	25	25	1½	6½	

(a) Halibut.

Averages for ALBERTA (4 localities)	1900	11.0	7.5	11.2	13.7	10.0	10.0	15.0		12.5	35.0	27.0	7.5	25.0	30.0	20.0	17.5		3.7
1905.....	13.3	9.0	14.1	15.8	13.5	12.0	17.0		13.0	36.6	27.5	7.0	28.1	31.6	18.3	18.0			4.8
1909.....	15.0	10.0	13.2	18.0	16.5	20.0	20.0		19.5	52.5	37.5	9.1	27.5	35.0	20.0	20.0			6.4
1910.....	16.5	12.7	14.5	17.8	17.8	30.2	28.5		20.2	53.3	40.0	9.3	30.0	35.0	19.3	19.1			4.5
1911.....	20.3	13.7	13.3	21.3	21.1	19.5	25.5		18.6	56.6	40.0	10.0	39.0	38.3	21.3	23.3			4.5
1912.....	23.7	16.1	21.2	23.7	22.5	19.2	27.0		19.5	55.0	41.2	10.4	33.2	41.2	23.0	23.0			5.0
1913.....	26.5	16.2	21.5	23.0	21.2	18.7	27.6		16.6	59.2	41.2	10.5	33.7	39.3	21.2	21.2			5.4

BRITISH COLUMBIA:— Nanaimo.....	1900	18	12½	15	20	18	22- 25	10	15	75	45	10	30	35	20	20	1½	3½
1905.....	18	15	15	19	18	.....	25	10	15	65	40	10	30	35	20	20	1½	3½
1909.....	18	15	15	18	18	20	28	10	20	60	40	10	30	45	20	.....	2	4½
1910.....	20	18	16	22	20	20	28	10	19	65	40	10	30	45	20	.....	2	4½
1911.....	20	15	16	23	20	20	25	10	18	65	35	10	30	40	25	25	1½	6½	
1912.....	23	18	22	25	20	24	27	10	18	60	40	10	35	40	23	23	1½	6½	
1913.....	25	20	23	28	35	20	27	10	18	65	40	12	35	40	25	25	1½	6½	

Nelson.....	1900	20	10	20	18	20	15	17	13	26	10	20	25	15	15	5
1905.....	18	10	18	16	18	15	20	12	14	60	29	10	22	28	18	18	.....	5
1909.....	18	15	16	18	20	18	30	18	20	50	40	12½	30	35	20	.....	1	6½
1910.....	22	15	15	22	20	20	30	15	22	75	35	12½	35	40	.....	20	1	6½
1911.....	25	18	20	25	25	20	25	20	17½	65	35	12½	30	40	25	.....	1	6½
1912.....	28	20	16	25	25	22	28	15	25	80	35	15	30	45	20	20	1½	4½	
1913.....	30	22	16	25	25	22	35	15	25	75	35	15	30	45	20	20	1½	4½	

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Beef.		Pork.		Eggs.		Butter.		Cheese.		Bread.							
		Sirloin Steak, best, per lb.	Medium chuck, per lb.	Veal, forequarters, per lb.	Mutton, hindquarters, per lb.	Fresh roasting, per lb.	Salt, per lb.	Bacon, best smoked, per lb.	Fish, fresh, good quality, per lb.	Lard, pure leaf, per lb.	New laid, per dozen.	Packed, per dozen.	Milk, per quart.	Dairy tub, per lb.	Creamery, prints, per lb.	Canadian, old, per lb.	Canadian, new, per lb.	Weight of loaf.	Price per lb.
New Westminster	1900.....	22	12½	14	18	16	.....	25	8	14	40	25	8	25	30	15	15	.....	5
	1905.....	25	14	18	22	18	.....	25	10	16	30	25	9	35	30	16	16	.....	6
	1909.....	20	15	15	18	15	15	30	15	20	60	40	10	33½	45	20	.....	1½	6½
	1910.....	25	15	20	25	23	18	35	15	23	70	40	12½	40	40	20	20	1½	6½
	1911.....	22	18	18	22	20	20	33	15	18	65	45	11½	28	35	25	25	1	6½
	1912.....	25	20	20	22	22	20	33	15	19	60	35	12½	35	45	25	25	1½	5
	1913.....	25	18	22	25	25	20	35	12½	20	60	40	12½	.....	40	30	25	1½	5

(e) Halibut.

Vancouver.....	1900.....	18-20	12-15	18	18	18	15	25	10	12	35	20	8	25	30	22	18	.....	4
	1905.....	21	15	20	20	20	18	27	10	12	35	25	10	25	30	22	20	2	4
	1909.....	20	10	11	17	15	18	25	.....	22	55	40	10	30	45	20	.....	1½	6½
	1910.....	20	12½	18	23	25	22	35	15	20	65	35	10	28	35	20	20	1½	6½
	1911.....	25	15	20	25	22	18	35	15	17	65	35	11½	25	35	20	20	1½	6½
	1912.....	30	20	20	25	25	20	27	15	20	75	45	10	30	40	25	25	12oz	5
	1913.....	25	16	22	20	22	18	32	15	17	65	45	10	35	40	25	20	1½	5

Victoria.....	1900.....	15	12½	12½-15	15-18	15-15	12½	17	8-10	10	60	30	9	22½	35	20	15	1	5
	1905.....	18	15	18	20	17	15	20	10-12½	12½	60	35	10	25	35	20	18	1	5
	1909.....	20	12½	12½	20	20	18	35	12½	21½	45	35	12	31	45	20	.....	1	6½
	1910.....	20	12½	10	20	20	20	35	12	25	80	40	10	32	50	20	20	1	6½
	1911.....	22	15	20	22	20	20	35	12½	20	70	35	12½	35	60	25	25	1	6½
	1912.....	25	16	20	25	25	20	32	12½	25	80	35	15	35	50	30	25	1	6½
	1913.....	30	18	25	25	25	20	35	20	18	65	35	15	35	50	30	25	1	6½

Averages for BRITISH COLUMBIA (5 localities)	1900.....	18.4	11.2	16.1	17.8	17.1	14.1	21.5	12.8	52.5	29.2	9.0	24.5	31.0	18.4	16.6	4.4
1905.....	20.0	13.8	17.5	17.9	18.0	16.0	23.0	.....	13.9	50.0	30.8	9.8	27.5	31.6	19.2	18.4	.....	4.6
1909.....	18.7	12.5	13.3	17.3	16.8	17.5	27.5	.....	20.5	53.0	38.0	10.9	30.8	39.5	20.0	20.0	.....	6.0
1910.....	21.2	14.6	16.0	24.6	21.6	20.0	32.1	.....	21.4	71.0	38.0	11.0	33.0	42.0	20.0	20.0	.....	5.9
1911.....	22.8	15.9	18.3	23.1	21.1	19.6	30.5	.....	18.1	66.0	37.0	11.4	29.0	43.0	24.5	23.5	.....	6.3
1912.....	25.2	18.1	19.6	24.4	23.1	23.0	29.2	21.4	71.0	36.9	15.5	33.0	43.5	24.6	23.6	5.9	
1913.....	26.7	18.8	21.6	24.6	26.2	20.0	32.1	16.3	66.0	38.0	12.9	33.0	43.0	26.0	23.0	5.3	

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LOCALITY.	Year.	Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	Rolled oats, per lb.	Rice, good, medium, per lb.	Beans, handpicked, per lb.	Apples, evaporated, per lb.	Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	Sugar.		Tea.		Coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	Starch, laundry, per lb.	Coal.		Wood.		Coal oil, per gallon.	
								Granulated in dollar lots per lb.	Yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	Black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	Green, medium Japan, per lb.					Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	Hard, best, per long cord.	Soft, per cord.		
New Westminster...	1900....	2½	7	5	5	10	5	5	5½	35	35	40	75	35	10	6.50	.....	.....	3.50	35
	1905....	3	7	6	5	12½	8	6½	6	35	35	40	1.75	40	12½	7.50	.....	.....	4.50	40
	1909....	4	4½	6	6	8½	6	6	5	50	50	50	1.00	15	12½	11.00	7.50	6.00	.....	40
	1910....	3½	5	8	8	12½	8	6	6½	5½	35	35	40	1.50	15	8	7.75	6.00	40
	1911....	3½	5½	6	6	15	12½	7½	6½	6½	40	40	40	1.50	20	10	8.00	6.50	40
	1912....	3½	6	6½	6	15	12½	6½	6½	6½	40	40	40	90	20	10	8.00	6.50	40
	1913....	3½	6	8	6	12½	15	6½	6½	40	40	40	1.10	20	10	7.50 9.00	.....	.....	6.50	40

Vancouver....	1900....	3½	3	4	5	3½	5	5	3½	25-35	30	30	1.00	12	6	.....	6.50	.....	2.50	29
	1905....	3½	4½	4	5	8½	8	6	3½	50	30	30	1.00	12	6	9.00	6.50	.....	2.50	29
	1909....	3½	4	5	6	15	8	6	5	40	35	40	1.25	10	10	12.00	7.50	5.50	.....	35
	1910....	3½	5	5	6	12	10	6	5½	35	40	35	1.75	15	10	.....	7.50	5.00	.....	35
	1911....	3½	4	5	6	15	10	7	6	35	40	40	1.60	15	10	.....	8.00	6.50	3.50	35
	1912....	3½	4½	6½	6½	12½	12½	6½	6½	35	60	50	40	1.00	15	10	8.00	30
	1913....	3	3½	5	6	15	12	6	5	32	35	33	1.15	12½	7½	.....	7.50 8.50	.....	3.50	32

(b) Price per load.

Victoria.....	1900....	4	5	6	4	10	8	6	5½	40	50	40	90	12½	8	.....	5.50	.....	4.50	30
	1905....	4	5	6	5	12½	8	6	5½	40	50	40	1.00	25	8	.....	5.50	.....	5.00	30
	1909....	3½	6	6	6	13	8	6	5	40	60	35	1.25	20	10	.....	6.50	.....	6.50	35
	1910....	4	5	6	8	12½	12½	7	6	40	50	40	1.90	15	8	11.50	7.50	.....	6.00	50
	1911....	5	5	8	8	12½	15	8	8	40	50	40	2.25	25	8	11.50	7.50	.....	6.00	35
	1912....	5	5½	8	8	15	15	7	6½	40	50	40	1.50	25	10	11.50	7.50	.....	6.50	60
	1913....	4	5½	8	8	20	15	6½	6½	40	50	40	1.25	25	10	12.50	6.50	.....	6.50	40

Averages for British Columbia (5 localities)	1900....	1905....	1909....	1910....	1911....	1912....	1913....
Flour, strong baker's, per lb.	2.0	4.6	5.6	4.8	9.6	7.7	5.8
Rolled oats, per lb.	3.3	5.0	5.9	5.2	11.6	8.2	6.1
Rice, good, medium, per lb.	3.6	4.7	5.9	6.3	13.3	8.5	6.2
Beans, handpicked, per lb.	3.8	4.8	6.6	7.6	12.9	10.1	8.6
Apples, evaporated, per lb.	4.0	6.1	7.0	7.2	15.5	13.3	7.5
Prunes, medium quality, per lb.	3.9	5.1	7.3	7.3	14.3	13.0	6.7
Sugar, granulated in dollar lots per lb.	3.5	4.9	7.4	7.2	15.2	13.4	6.4
Sugar, yellow, in dollar lots, per lb.	5.2	3.8	5.4	5.1	0.38	0.93	0
Sugar, black, medium Indian, or Ceylon, per lb.	5.4	3.8	5.4	5.1	0.38	0.120	23.0
Sugar, green, medium Japan, per lb.	5.4	3.4	5.4	5.4	5.39	0.130	17.0
Tea, coffee, medium, Mocha, per lb.	5.7	4.0	5.4	5.4	0.39	0.188	17.0
Potatoes, per bag of 1½ bushels.	6.8	4.9	5.4	5.4	0.40	0.187	20.0
Vinegar, white wine, XXX per qt.	6.2	4.2	5.4	5.4	0.41	0.125	20.0
Starch, laundry, per lb.	6.4	4.2	5.4	5.4	0.35	0.120	19.5
Coal, Anthracite, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	6.3	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
Coal, Bituminous, per ton of 2,000 lbs.	6.3	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
Wood, Hard, best, per long cord.	5.70	6.25	6.12	6.12	6.83	6.82	6.82
Wood, Soft, per cord.	6.12	4.50	6.82	6.82	6.75	6.75	6.75
Coal oil, per gallon.	3.50	3.60	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50

APPENDIX A. PRICES OF CLOTHING.

It is difficult to measure changes in the price of clothing to the consumer on account of the lack of standardization both in finished product and materials. From the wholesale list of Chapter I it would appear that the advance in raw wool and woollens (the latter including yarn, underwear and beaver cloth) since 1900 has been about 27 per cent; in raw cotton and cottons (the latter including gray cotton, woven coloured fabrics, and prints) 35 per cent; and in leather 40 per cent. In raw silks there has been a decline of about 11 per cent. The three lines of boots and shoes quoted at wholesale have gone up about 50 per cent. To these data the accompanying tables showing (1) retail prices and costs of custom-made clothing in Ottawa, (2) manufacturers' prices and costs of ready-made clothing at Montreal, (3) manufacturers' prices and costs of boots and shoes in Quebec may be added. The per cent increases shown by the figures are added in the tables so that their significance may be readily seen.

(1) RETAIL PRICES AND COSTS OF STANDARD CUSTOM-MADE TWEED OR SERGE SUIT, OTTAWA, 1890-1900.

Year.	Selling Price.	COSTS.						
		Materials.		Wages.		Labour Cost of making suit	Rent of store (per annum.)	Percentage of general overhead charges.
		Bellwarp serge laid down.	Scotch tweed laid down.	Weekly rates of wages.				
				Men tailors.	Men cutters.			
		Yard.	Yard.					
1890.....	\$20-25	\$2.10	\$2.00	\$10	\$20-25	\$5.00	\$1,000	10
1900.....	22-28	2.35	2.10	15	25.30	6.00	1,500	15
1913.....	25-33	2.75	2.25	20-25	30.40	7.50	3,000	20
Inc. %, 1900-1913..	16	17	07	200	27	25	100	33

Note:—The firm supplying the above has observed a growing tendency to demand more and better clothes and more up-to-date fashions than previously.

(II) MANUFACTURERS' SELLING PRICES AND COSTS OF READY-MADE CLOTHING AT MONTREAL, 1900-1913.

(1) Selling Prices.

YEAR	OVERCOATS.			SUITS.			
	Beaver.	Melton.	Friese.	Serge.	Serge.	Tweed.	Fine Worsted.
1900.....	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$10.00
1905.....	8.50	8.50	8.50	7.50	11.00	7.25	11.00
1913.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.50	12.50	8.00	12.50
Inc. %, 1900-13.....	33	33	33	21	25	33	25

(2) Costs—(a) Materials.

YEAR.	OVERCOATS.			SUITS.			
	Beaver.	Melton.	Friese.	Serge.	Serge.	Tweed.	Fine Worsted.
1900.....	\$.85	\$.85	\$.90	s. d. 2 3	s. d. 3 8	s. d. 1 11	s. d. 3 8
1905.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	2 6	4 1	2 2	4
1913.....	1.10	1.10	1.10	3	4 4	2 5	4 6
Inc. %, 1900-13.....	29	29	22	33	18	21	23

YEAR.	LININGS.		
	Body Lining.	Sleeve Lining.	Canvas Lining.
1900.....	s. d. 10	d. 7	d. 3
1905.....	1	8	4
1913.....	1 3	9	5
Inc. %, 1900-13.....	50	29	67

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(b) Wages and Hours.*

YEAR.	Hours per week.	WAGES.					
		Cutters	Pressers	Machine hands.		Hand Sewers.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1900.....	60	12-14	8-10	9-12	3.50- 6	8-10	3.50- 6
1905.....	55	14-15	12-14	13-15	6- 8	12-14	6- 8
1913.....	49	18-20	15-20	15-25	10-12	15-20	10-12
Inc. %, 1900-13.....		46	94	90	132	94	132

Notes.—The firm supplying the above data has stated that the demand is now for better goods, wider ranges of choice, and more frequent changes in style. The most important increase in costs has been under the heading of wages, but labour efficiency is improving.

(III). BOOTS AND SHOES; STANDARD LINES, MANUFACTURERS' PRICES AND COSTS AT QUEBEC, 1897-1914.

Men's Welts.

YEAR.	Selling Price.	COSTS.			
		Material and Lea Cost.	Wages cost	Factory	Royalty.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1897.....	1.90	1.23	.37	.09	.04
1907.....	2.35	1.46	.47	.12	.06
1914.....	2.65	1.58	.62	.14	.06
Inc. %, 1897-1914.....	39	28	67	55	50

*Other data with regard to wages and hours in ready-made clothing establishments will be found in Section (4), beginning at page 417.

Men's McKay.

YEAR.	Selling Price.	COSTS.			
		Material and Lea Cost.	Wages cost	Factory	Royalty.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1897.....	1.60	1.09	.28	.08	...
1907.....	2.00	1.30	.38	.11	.01
1914.....	2.25	1.40	.49	.12	.01
Inc. %, 1897-1914.....	40	28	75	50	½

Women's Welts.

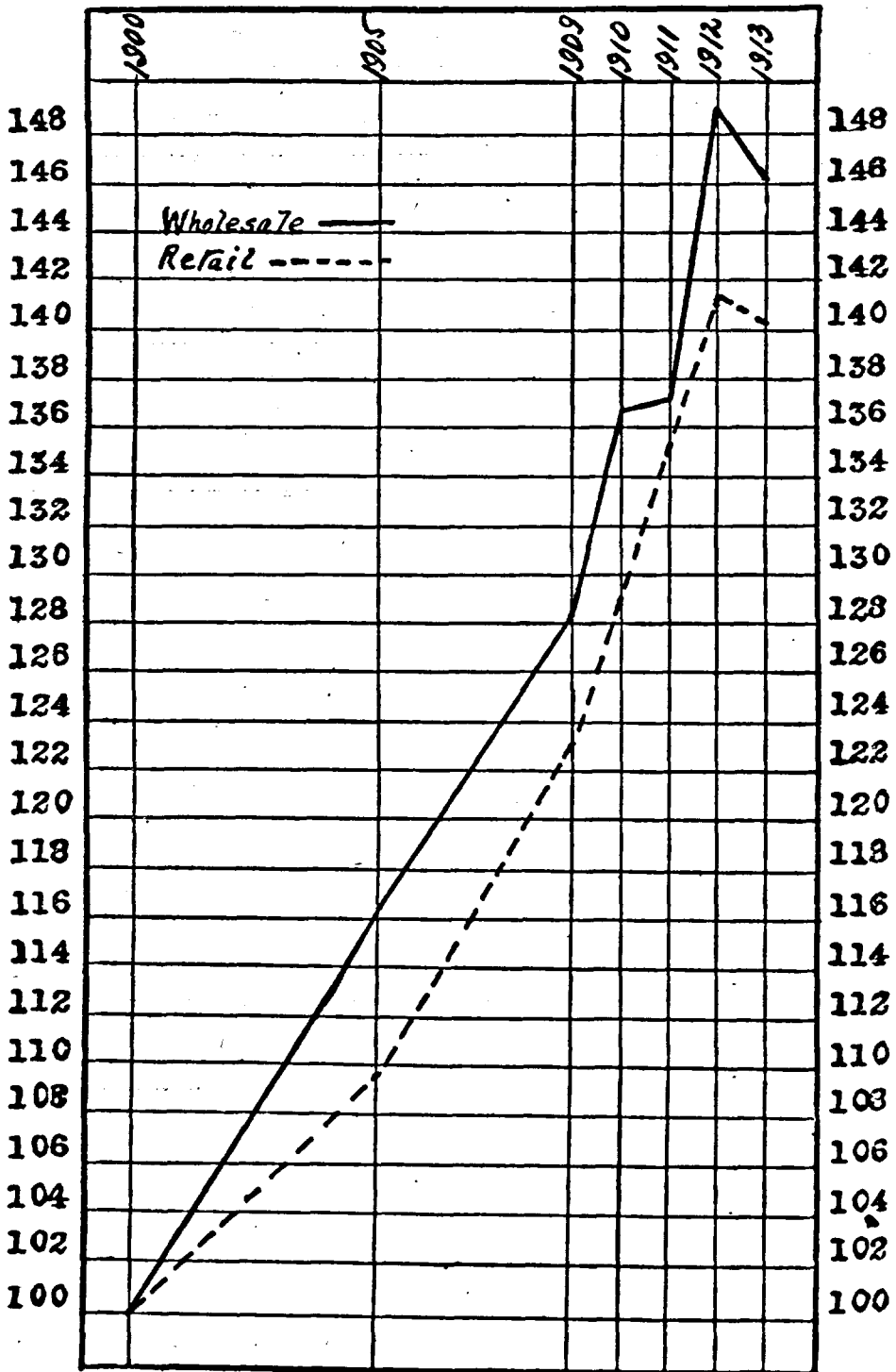
YEAR.	Selling Price.	COSTS.			
		Material and Lea Cost.	Wages cost	Factory	Royalty.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1897.....	1.50	.90	.35	.08	.03
1907.....	1.85	1.05	.46	.10	.04
1914.....	2.20	1.22	.61	.12	.05
Inc. %, 1897-1914.....	46	35	74	50	67

Women's McKay.

YEAR.	Selling Price.	COSTS.			
		Material and Lea Cost.	Wages cost	Factory	Royalty.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1897.....	1.25	.79	.26	.07	...
1907.....	1.55	.94	.36	.08	.01
1914.....	1.90	1.14	.47	.10	.01
Inc. %, 1897-1914.....	52	44	80	43	

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES OF FOODS (27 ARTICLES) AND FUEL AND LIGHTING (3 ARTICLES), CANADA, 1900-1913.



APPENDIX B. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES, CANADA, 1900-1913, COMPARED.

The foregoing sections enable comparison in a general way to be made of the wholesale and retail price movements. The general wholesale index number, for example, shows a rise of about 25% between 1900 and 1913, while the retail number shows one of 33%. It is obviously unsatisfactory, however, to regard such a comparison as final,—a comparison, that is, of findings based in the one case (wholesale) on 272 articles selected from the whole field of commerce, and in the other (retail) on 36 articles restricted to foods and fuel. As it is of importance to know with reasonable definiteness whether the retail trader in household necessaries has merely followed the wholesale market in recent years or has added an impetus of his own, some further examination of the figures is called for.

Of the 36 articles covered in the investigation into retail prices, four (hard wood and soft wood, as fuel, old cheese and black tea) are unrepresented in the wholesale list, and the fish prices are not comparable. For the rest, the wholesale prices of the same or approximately the same commodities are available, so that a general comparison on the same basis is possible. In the table on pages 138-140 the two sets of prices for each of these articles (omitting laundry starch) are assembled side by side so as to enable comparison of the trend as between the two to be made at a glance. Thus the course of beef, hindquarters, wholesale, at Toronto is shown side by side with that of the average price of sirloin steak, at retail, in fifty-seven cities. Beef, forequarters, at wholesale, is similarly compared with medium chuck roasting beef at retail, and so on. A summary index number has been worked out for all the food stuffs, and for the fuel and lighting group, as well as for the list as a whole. These summary index numbers have been weighted to represent the relative importance of the several articles in consumption, each unit in the weight representing roughly 10c. expenditure weekly.* Charts have been made of the final results.

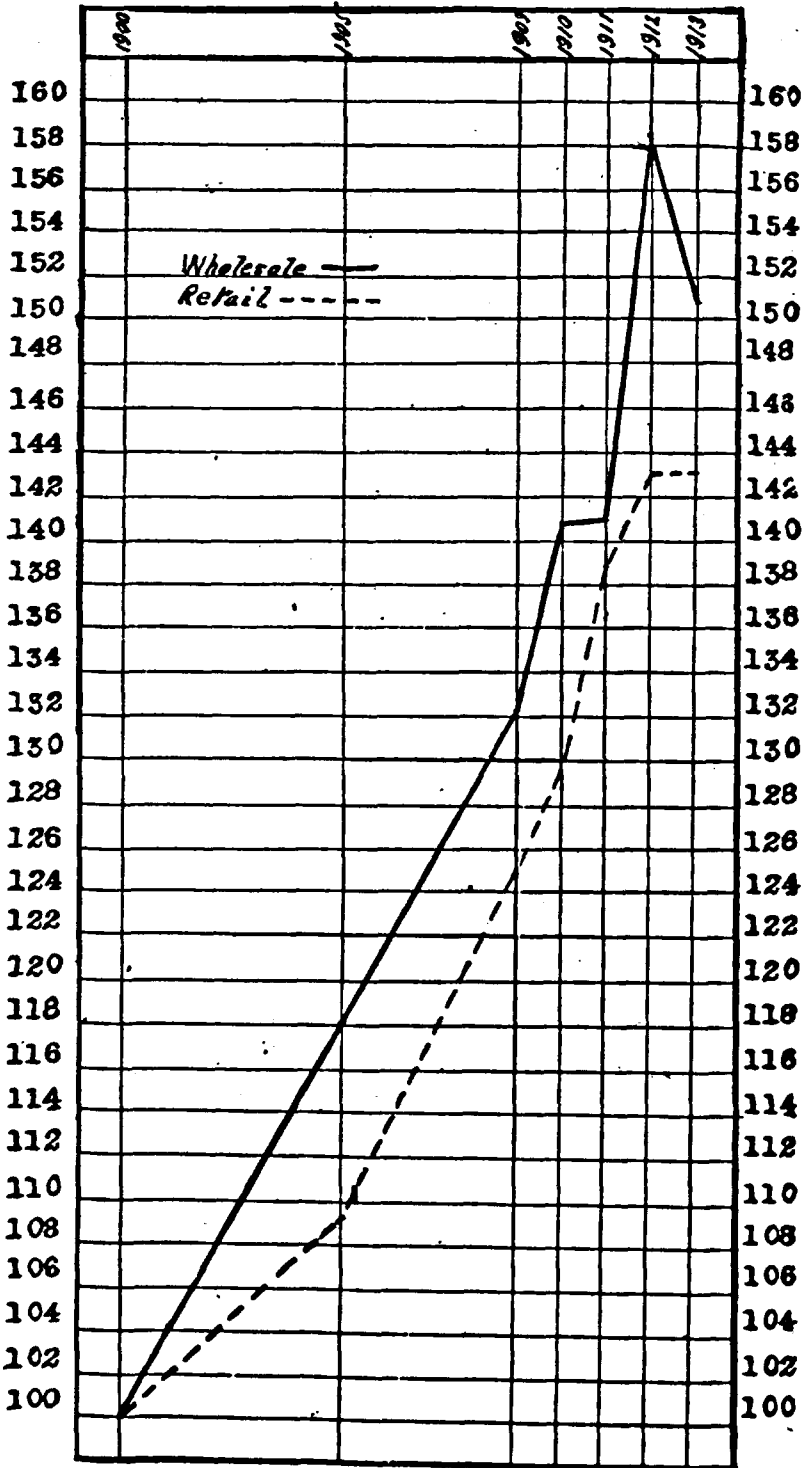
On the whole the advance in retail prices has not been so pronounced as in wholesale. This is in accordance with the usual experience, namely, that retail prices follow wholesale somewhat slowly and are not subject to violent variation

*The weights used are as follows:—

Beef, best	4	Flour	4
" medium	3	Rolled oats	3
Veal	2	Rice	1
Mutton	2	Beans	1
Pork, fresh	2	Apples, evaporated	1.5
" salt	3	Prunes	1.5
Bacon	3	Sugar, granulated	3
Lard	3	Sugar, yellow	1
Eggs, fresh	4	Tea	2
Eggs, packed	3	Coffee	1
Milk	6	Potatoes	6
Butter, dairy	4	Vinegar	1-100
Butter, creamery	6	Coal, anthracite	10
Cheese	4	Coal, bituminous	8
Bread	6	Coal Oil	2

These weights are derived by rough calculation from the budget quantities shown in the table appearing on page 75.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES OF 27 FOODS, CANADA, 1900—1913.



either up or down. For the whole list, wholesale prices have gone up 46.1 per cent since 1900, and retail prices by 40.2 per cent. For the list of 27 foods alone, the advance is 50.8 per cent in the case of wholesale and 42.3 per cent in the case of retail prices. A few cases may be noticed in the table in which retail prices have advanced more rapidly than wholesale. Sirloin steak, retail, has apparently advanced a little more than hindquarters at wholesale. On the other hand chuck roasting beef at retail has not gone up as fast as forequarters at wholesale, possibly because of the fact that poorer qualities of meats have been less in demand. Packed eggs seem to have gone up faster at retail than at wholesale, but this may be due to uncertainty in the statistics resulting from the fact that this commodity is on the market at varying intervals. It must be remembered throughout that the wholesale prices are averages for the year whereas the retail are December prices.*

*On the subject of wholesale as compared with retail prices and the difficulty of securing adequate data therefor, Mr. R. H. Hooker (Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Dec., 1911, p. 85) offers the following table and observations, which permit a wider view of recent conditions:—

COMPARISON OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FOOD-PRICES.

(Base 1895-1904 = 100.)

Year.	United Kingdom			France.				Germany.		United States	
	Wholesale (Board of Trade.)	Retail (Board of Trade.)	Wholesale. (I)	Retail				Wholesale (Hooker)	Retail (Board of Trade.)	Wholesale (Bureau of Labour)	Retail (Board of Trade.)
				(II)	(III)	(IV)	(V)				
1890.....	110	.....	117	109	107	110	101	110	.....	108	.....
1891.....	118	.....	110	112	108	113	105	119	.....	114	.....
1892.....	112	.....	105	110	113	112	104	113	.....	102	.....
1893.....	110	.....	102	104	107	109	98	109	.....	107	.....
1894.....	103	.....	98	103	109	109	104	101	.....	96	.....
1895.....	100	94	94	99	100	104	102	94	98	92	96
1896.....	94	93	94	99	97	102	99	88	96	82	93
1897.....	98	97	98	102	97	104	96	93	99	88	94
1898.....	103	102	99	101	103	105	101	102	101	94	96
1899.....	99	97	98	102	104	107	103	100	99	98	97
1900.....	100	101	102	102	101	104	98	102	100	104	99
1901.....	101	103	107	102	103	101	98	103	101	106	102
1902.....	102	103	107	98	99	89	100	101	103	115	108
1903.....	101	104	106	99	97	91	102	108	102	109	107
1904.....	102	105	99	93	98	94	102	108	101	111	110
1905.....	102	105	102	88	98	88	107	113	108	112	111
1906.....	101	104	109	92	99	86	107	115	114	114	114
1907.....	106	107	115	98	99	90	112	121	116	121	118
1908.....	107	110	122	99	103	91	114	113	119	123	.....
1909.....	109	109	122	96	105	90	109	125	120	127	.....
1910.....	110	111	.....	.....	.....	96	114	128	.....	131	.....
1911.....	.....	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(I)—Import value; same commodities as (II) and (III).

(II)—Assistance publique.

(III)—Economat.

(IV)—Normal expenditure of a working-class family.

(V)—Idem, without sugar and wine; (I) and (II) include coal and lamp-oil in addition to food.

"I have ventured to make a comparison between the wholesale prices of food in the country, as ascertained above, and these retail prices, although, of course, the comparison is largely vitiated by the commodities not being really the same, nor weighted in the same manner. Very little reliance can accordingly be placed upon the result. *A priori*, we should expect the curve of retail prices to be, upon the whole, distinctly smoother than that of wholesale prices; and this is apparently the case at New York, whereas the British series show very little difference between the two. The figures suggest that the retail index-number has risen somewhat more than the wholesale in recent years in this country, which is

Footnote continued on page 140.

INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, 1900-1913.

	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	
FOODS:—								
BEEF.....	{ Hindquarters, wholesale.....	100	84.0	118.9	144.9	140.4	163.8	162.5
	{ Sirloin steak, retail.....	100	111.8	123.9	138.2	139.6	158.0	171.3
BEEF.....	{ Forequarters, wholesale.....	100	108.9	126.8	161.8	150.9	172.6	235.6
	{ Chuck roast, retail.....	100	125.5	120.4	130.6	136.7	150.0	163.1
VEAL.....	{ Dressed, wholesale.....	100	101.0	115.8	125.1	121.8	126.2	143.0
	{ Roast, forequarters, retail.....	100	113.0	116.0	127.0	138.0	153.0	167.0
MUTTON.....	{ Dressed, wholesale.....	100	146.5	152.1	140.3	130.6	143.3	160.6
	{ Roast, leg, retail.....	100	103.3	123.8	142.3	141.5	153.3	162.7
PORK, FRESH.....	{ Dressed hogs, wholesale.....	100	121.2	148.9	166.0	136.8	156.4	185.1
	{ Roast, ham, retail.....	100	106.5	133.3	139.8	136.5	151.2	166.6
PORK, SALT.....	{ Mess, wholesale.....	100	110.5	141.9	162.6	129.7	142.2	164.7
	{ Mess, retail.....	100	114.6	147.7	149.5	144.0	153.2	167.8
BACON.....	{ Breakfast, wholesale.....	100	117.5	127.6	165.4	130.9	138.4	160.6
	{ Breakfast, retail.....	100	115.6	142.8	157.7	146.7	138.9	168.8
LARD.....	{ Pure, wholesale.....	100	100.1	149.8	165.3	121.6	144.6	154.3
	{ Pure, retail.....	100	107.6	146.5	148.8	128.9	144.2	140.4
EGGS.....	{ Fresh, wholesale.....	100	121.3	150.9	152.6	155.1	184.4	199.9
	{ Fresh, retail.....	100	116.7	162.6	173.9	177.8	182.8	192.2
EGGS.....	{ Packed, wholesale.....	100	123.8	164.9	161.6	151.0	183.6	173.7
	{ Packed, retail.....	100	118.8	157.4	158.4	163.3	178.2	185.1
MILK.....	{ Wholesale.....	100	100.8	114.5	116.4	126.2	139.7	141.4
	{ Retail.....	100	108.2	124.6	132.8	137.8	147.5	149.1
BUTTER.....	{ Creamery, solids, wholesale.....	100	102.0	114.0	119.4	113.9	131.9	133.7
	{ Creamery prints, retail.....	100	108.6	125.5	125.5	136.8	145.1	138.8
BUTTER.....	{ Dairy, prints, wholesale.....	100	112.9	121.8	127.4	125.7	155.4	145.4
	{ Dairy solids, retail.....	100	111.8	121.7	120.3	132.1	144.8	135.7
CHEESE.....	{ Canadian, wholesale.....	100	99.9	107.6	113.5	112.2	124.1	114.0
	{ Canadian, retail.....	100	109.3	110.5	113.0	124.2	131.0	124.2

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	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	
FOODS:—Continued.								
BREAD.....	{ Plain, white, wholesale.....	100	144.2	155.7	153.8	145.5	143.9	152.3
	{ Plain, white, retail.....	100	105.4	118.8	116.2	118.8	116.2	116.2
FLOUR.....	{ Family, wholesale.....	100	131.1	143.1	137.2	124.8	131.9	127.9
	{ Family, retail.....	100	112.0	128.0	132.0	136.0	136.0	132.0
OATMEAL.....	{ Standard, wholesale.....	100	144.0	80.7	69.6	73.0	76.2	69.6
	{ Rolled Oats, retail.....	100	108.3	119.4	113.9	122.2	125.0	119.4
RICE.....	{ Patna, wholesale.....	100	107.7	115.3	117.0	121.5	118.0	131.6
	{ Medium, retail.....	100	101.9	103.8	101.9	105.7	103.8	111.5
BEANS.....	{ Handpicked, wholesale.....	100	103.6	131.1	141.4	125.3	170.3	147.8
	{ Handpicked, retail.....	100	109.3	125.6	127.9	125.6	141.8	134.8
APPLES.....	{ Evaporated, wholesale.....	100	61.6	62.8	53.2	87.8	96.6	86.0
	{ Evaporated, retail.....	100	77.7	115.1	122.2	135.3	131.3	125.2
PRUNES.....	{ Medium, wholesale.....	100	75.0	112.5	95.4	122.7	136.4	115.9
	{ Medium, retail.....	100	83.4	85.2	94.7	108.7	108.7	106.0
SUGAR.....	{ Granulated, wholesale.....	100	110.7	100.4	183.8	108.9	113.2	97.9
	{ Granulated, retail.....	100	101.8	105.5	102.9	127.7	116.6	101.8
SUGAR.....	{ Yellow, wholesale.....	100	109.9	105.9	109.8	110.5	115.3	98.0
	{ Yellow, retail.....	100	98.0	100.0	106.0	124.0	118.0	106.0
TEA.....	{ Green, Japan, wholesale.....	100	109.2	134.7	133.0	131.5	132.3	139.7
	{ Green, Japan, retail.....	100	99.1	104.2	105.1	107.4	106.0	106.5
COFFEE.....	{ Rio, wholesale.....	100	104.1	86.9	124.0	183.2	218.8	189.4
	{ Medium, retail.....	100	101.4	91.6	104.3	104.3	109.5	108.9
POTATOES.....	{ Wholesale.....	100	186.9	201.7	194.3	306.9	347.1	201.4
	{ Retail.....	100	116.1	113.5	122.3	195.4	152.5	153.1
VINEGAR.....	{ White wine, wholesale.....	100	87.5	71.8	75.5	68.7	75.0	75.0
	{ White wine, retail.....	100	100.8	100.0	100.8	102.6	105.8	104.1
ALL FOODS.....	{ Wholesale.....	100	118.1	132.2	140.9	141.2	158.2	150.8
	{ Retail.....	100	109.4	124.8	129.8	138.8	143.2	143.3

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	1900	1905	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
FUEL AND LIGHTING:—							
COAL.....	{ Anthracite, wholesale.....	100	115.7	113.8	122.7	127.4	135.1
	{ Anthracite, retail.....	100	114.4	120.7	119.0	115.7	140.7
COAL.....	{ Bituminous, wholesale.....	100	105.2	115.7	124.5	122.8	123.7
	{ Bituminous, retail.....	100	103.6	117.6	122.4	116.6	129.2
COAL OIL.....	{ Canadian, wholesale.....	100	108.3	103.3	87.7	81.4	90.5
	{ Canadian, retail.....	100	102.0	100.4	99.1	96.6	99.1
ALL.....	{ Wholesale.....	100	116.6	128.5	136.1	137.2	149.0
	{ Retail.....	100	109.8	123.2	129.0	135.4	141.3

(Footnote concluded from p. 137.)

contrary to theoretical anticipation; this conclusion is quite illusory, and merely due to the selection of the standard. In the United States the retail curve is much the smoother, not falling so low as the wholesale in 1896-97, and lagging behind in 1907. Moreover, the different plan on which the wholesale and retail index numbers have been formed is quite sufficient to account for very considerable variations. All that can safely be said here is, I think, that since 1895 retail prices of food have risen as much as wholesale in this country, but that in the United States they appear to have lagged behind until 1907.

"Reverting now to the French wholesale and retail prices, quoted in the "Salaires et coût de l'existence," these show an index number for eight articles of food (bread or flour, butter, cheese, potatoes, rice, oil for food, wine, sugar,—the absence of meat is noticeable), plus coal and lighting-oil, first at import values (wholesale prices); secondly, contract prices paid by the "Assistance publique," and, thirdly, the prices charged by two "economats" (that is, co-operative associations of employees of two railway companies) to their members, these last being retail prices at Paris, all octroi paid. These three sets thus represent three stages in the sale of goods. The number of commodities is extremely small, and the data thus apply to but a fraction of the provisions usually purchased by a family; still, the unexpected conclusion is reached that while import values have risen 20 per cent since the average of 1895-1904, the other prices have scarcely risen at all. This is only another example of the difficulty of drawing conclusions, and is, I suspect, attributable to reductions in octroi or customs duties on certain articles, such as wine or sugar. As instancing the enormous difference that may arise—when dealing with a few articles only—I also reproduce two columns from the same work of the Ministère du Travail showing the 'normal' annual expenditure on food of a workman's family of four persons at Paris. Only thirteen articles are taken (bread, meat, fresh vegetables, potatoes, haricots, sugar, milk, butter, cheese, rice, fruits, wine, coffee), and these are weighted according to an estimated ideal rate of consumption based upon medical research. It will be seen that the food index number (base 1895-1904, is much lower, reaching in 1910 only 96. If, however, two articles—sugar and wine—are excluded, the index number of the remaining eleven articles shows a rise to 114 in 1910. The latter curve shows a much more reasonable resemblance to wholesale prices. Such considerations as these convey a vivid idea of the difficulty of arriving at a true estimate of the change in the cost of living."

See U. S. Senate Document 601 of the 61st Congress, 2nd Session, on the prices paid by consumers and retail dealers to wholesalers and producers for eggs, butter, milk and chickens. See also various bulletins of the U. S. Department of Labour, "Retail Prices and Cost of Living Series," *e.g.*, "Wheat and Flour Prices from Farmer to Consumer," etc., etc.