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## INDEX NUNBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES DECEMBRR, 1929.

The Dominion Buresu of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 rose from 95.8 in November to 96.2 in December. 80 quotations were lower, 44 were higher, and 378 remained unchanged. The rise was due chicfly to improved agricultural product marikets.

Vegetables and Vegetable Products were higher for the first time in four months, moving up from 93.7 to 94.2 . This was due almost solely to firmer prices for wheat, as coarse grains, rubber, vegetable oils and a number of less important commodities were quoted lower. Animals and Their Froducts also advanced from 108.6 to 109.7, influenced more by better prices for cattle, livestock, fresh meats and eggs, than by declines for leather, and cured meats. Textiles and Textile Products declined slightly from 89.8 to 89.6, chiefly because of weaker markets for the major raw materials, cotton, silk, and wool. Wood, Wood Products and Paper changed from 93.6 to 93.5 due to easier quotations for hemlock lumber and cedar shingles. Iron and Its Products moved from 93.6 to 93.5 influenced by weaker steel sheet prices. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products declined from 96.7 to 96.4 because of cheaper lead, zinc, and silver. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products rose from 92.7 to 93.2 , strength shown by coal and lime quotations more than offsetting a decline in the price of glass. Chemical and Allied Products remained unchanged at $95.4^{\circ}$.

Consumers' goods changed from 95.1 to 95.4 in December, price increases for fresh meats and eggs exerting slightly more influence upon the index than decreases for dried fruits, cured meats, and silk fabrics.

Producers' goods advanced from 95.5 to 96.1 . Higher quotations for bituminous coal, livestock, and grains were sufficiont to offset a fairly long list of minor declines headed by raw textiles, hides, leather, plate glass, and window glass.

Raw and Partly Manufactured goods rose from 97.2 to 98.5 . Better prices for grains, livestock, eggs, meats, and coal wele more than sufficient to balance declines for raw textiles, hides, and rubber.

Fully and Chiefly Manufactured goods changed from 93.7 to 93.5 . Lime, chemicals, and butter were dearer, while glass, silk fabrics, and cured meats were quoted cheaper.

Farm Products advanced from 101.0 to 104.0 due to higher prices for grains, live stock, eggs, and milk. Wool and hides declined.

RESUNE OF IMPORTANT PRICE CHANGES: CRAIITS. - As in November Canadian grain prices opened the month on the ascendant, but reversed direction in the course of a few days to decline with minor interruptions for two weeks. The decline movement was influenced by the failure of North American visible supp?ies to show any appreciable diminution in the face of ocstinued shipments of Argentine carry-over ahcat which kept European enquiry from being active in this direction. On December 2lst a re-action began which within three days wiped out the losses of nearly two week:. The itfluence of the U. S. National Grain Corporation in entering the market as a buyer at this time mas considered as a major factor in the recovery of prices. Very sudden reductions in Argentine orop estimates also served to have a bullish effect upon the market. In the four th week Russell placed the Argentine crop at $143,020,000$ bushels with a probable exportable surplus of $58,000,000$ bushels, which was much belon most previous estimates.
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The price of No. 1 Manitoba Northerncsh wheat, Fort William and Port Arthur basis, fór December, averaged $\$ 1.378$ per bushel as compared with $\$ 1.3321$ in November. No. 2 Ontario wheat, howover, declined from $\$ 1.288$ to $\$ 1.21$ per bushel.

Coarse grains averaged lower in December than for the preceding month. Barley No. 3 C.W. fell from $64.9 \phi$ to $62.2 \phi$ per bushel, the lowest point for the year. Flax No. 1 N. W.C. dropped from $\$ 2.72$ to $\$ 2.64$ per bushel; corn, American yellow No. 2, from $\$ 1.05$ to $\$ 1.04$ per bushel; and oats. No. $2 \mathrm{C} . \pi$., from $65.6 \phi$ to $63.5 \phi$ per bushel. Rye No. 2 C.W. remained the same at $94.0 \notin$ per bushel.

MIIIND PRODUCTS:- A degree of uncertainty characterized the flour market during the earlier part of the month. but this was later superceded by a more confident tone and the tendency was for prices to bo firmer. Manitobe spring first patents in 2-98's jute bags averaged $\$ 8.60$, thereby maintaining the same general level which existed throughout November. Rolled oats continued to be weak, due to further importations from the United States, where oat prices are below Canadian levels and the American miller is sald to be able to pay duty and freight, and still undersell the canadian product. Importations of rolled oats and oat meal in October and November of this year were $1,306,738$ pounds and $1,413,961$ pounds, respectively, while corresponding figures for the same months of 1928 were 97,752 pounds and 142,272 pounds.

SUGAR:- The market for raw sugars was quiet throughout the month with the Cuban Single Seller kegping out of the market almost ontirely in the earlier weeks, awaiting better prices. This action of the Single Seller helped to keep the market firm for the first three weeks, after which the holiday lull and liquidation of nearby positions, caused a slight re-action. The chief question of coneern in sugar circles at present soems to be the financing of the present Cuban crop. So far, no definite plans have been announced. The price of granulated sugar at Montreal remained unchanged at $\$ 5.27$ per 100 pounds.

RUBBER:- Monthly average prices of raw rubber continued a descent which has been unbroken since last July. London stocks at the middle of December stood at 53,180 tons as compared with 17,669 tons at the same time last year. United States stocks and shipments in transit, as of November $30 t h$, were calculated at 92,219 tons as against 88,483 tons at the end of October, while crude rubber consumption in the United States during November was estimated to have declined 7,200 tons. The average price of ceylon ribbed smoked sheets declined from $16.73 \phi$ to $16.1 \phi$ per pound, while upriver fine Para fell from $17.13 \phi$ to $16.1 \phi$.

TEA: - Except for high quality lines, the tone of tea prices has been easier. Reports are current that British and Dutch authorities have agreed to curtail production by approximately $10 \%$, in view of the large India and Java crops harvested this year.

COFFEE: - The Brazilian situation has not altered perceptibly during the month, the problem of financing the present carry-over and the new crop continuing to present formidable difficulties. In the meantime North American supplies of coffee have been kept low, and prices were maintained throughout the month. Green Santos, good quality remained unchanged at $26 \phi$ per pound. Green Rio, at $22 \phi$, and Green Bogota, at $30 \phi$ per pound.

IIVESMOCK:- The first rally in livestock prices for some months occurred in December. Supplies generally were very moderate, and during the holiday period they tapered off until markets were little more than nominal in many cases. Prices of eastern veal calves wer'e somenhat affected by weak American markets near the border, but they averaged well above November figures.

Good steers 1,000 to 1200 pounds at Toronto mounted from $\{8.89$ to $\$ 9.63$, and at Winnipeg, from $\$ 7.97$ to $\$ 8.91$. Good veal calves at Toronto rose from $\$ 15.25$ to $\$ 15.76$, while at Winnipeg a much sharper increase from $\$ 9.71$ to $\$ 11.22$ occurred. Bacon hogs advanced from $\$ 11.52$ to $\$ 11.94$, at Toronto; from $\$ 11.63$ to $\$ 12.00$, at Montreal; and from $\$ 10.34$ to $\$ 10.36$, at Winnipeg. Good handyweight lambs moved higher from $\$ 11.60$ to $\$ 12.41$, at Toronto; from $\$ 10.60$ to $\$ 11.40$, at Montreal; and from $\$ 9.60$ to $\$ 10.09$, at Winnipeg.

HIDES:- Hides generally, reached the lowest point of the year in December. American prices were reported to be on the upgrade again late in the month with shoe manufacturers fairly active buyers. Stocks at the first of November were reported as higher than for the preceding month, but well below those of a year ago.

Native staers packer hides at Ontario points, were quoted at $13 \phi-16 \phi$ as compared with a $14 \frac{1}{2} \phi-16 \phi$ range in November.

EGGS:- After turning easier late in November, and continuing less firm during the early weeks of December, the egg market again turned upward, bringing monthly average
prices in many casos above thoso for November. In Montreal, the shortage became so acute as to necessitate the importation of fresh eggs from the United States. Other eastern cent es also repor bea eges to be scarce.

Frosh extras at Montreal mounted from $65.9 \phi$ to $67.8 \phi$ per dozen, while at Toronto a slight decline from $62.5 \%$ to $67.1 \phi$ per dozen occurred.

COTRON:- The average price of raw cotton, upland midding, at New York declined from $17.53 \neq$ to $17.275 \phi^{\prime}$ per pound in December, thereby marking an unbroken recession of four months duration, and aiso tine lowest point reached since June, 1926. Raw cotton, middling $1^{\prime \prime}$ to $11 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ at Hamilton fell from $18.76 \phi$ to $18.31 \phi$ per pound. The United States governrent estimate of the American cotton crop on December lst was 90,000 bales lower at $14,919,000$ bales, but this mas a smaller decrease than had been expected by many concerned, and the effect produced was bearish rather than bullish. Consumption of American cotton in November was elmost 100,000 bales less than in the preceding month.

MONL:- Mocl in Canadian markets was reported to be moving in very small quantities during jecemner, chefly due to the large clothing stocks held by retail merchants who consequeitily were brying very little from the mills. This slow movement of wool was reflected in lower prices Raw wool, eastern bright $\frac{1}{4}$ blood, fell from $25 \phi$ per pound to $24 \phi$ in December, and other grades were correspondingly lower.

SIIK:- Raw sill, grani doubie extra, declined from $\$ 5.15$ in November to $\$ 5.00$ per pound in December, while crack double extra and double extra, both were quoted $10 \phi$ per pound cheaper at $\$ 4.65$ and $\$ 4.50$, respectively.

Efforts were made late in November by the Ram Silk Association of Japan to stabilize prices by acopting a resolution to suspend reeling operations from December 25th to December 31st, 19?9, and to reduce production by $20 \%$ until May 31st, 1930. To date this action has had little apparert effect, as reelers and holders evidentiy fear a period of falling prices folloming the return of Japan to the gold standard on January 11 th, 1930.

IUMBER AND PJIP:- Most reports from the lumber trade in December spoke of dull conditions mitia little hope of immeatiate trade revival. In British Columbia especially, comments were openiy passimistic, with the cedar shingle market exhibiting the most marked signs of depression.

Puice declines were renorted for hemlock lumber, $2^{\prime \prime}$ mill run, f.o.b. Ontario points, falling from $\$ 29.00$ io $\$ 23.50$ per 1000 board feet, and 2 " culls from $\$ 22.00$ to $\$ 21.00$ per M.B.I.

Groundmood pulp cuotetions continued firm, hut bleached sulphite pulp was appreciahly weaker dining December.

IRON AND SMEDL: There was little movement in iron and steel prices during December although the tone of inquiry was reported to have improved towards the end of the month. Uritei States reports were ortimistic with reference to the immediate future, the feeling being prevalent that the drastic curtaiment of production in the last quarter of 1923 rould bring better marizet conditions at the openingof the new year.

Galvanized steel sheets No. 2'ł U.S.G. at Montreal fell from $\$ 4.47$ to $\$ 4.35$ per 100 pounds, bit bleck stee? sheets No. 10 U.S.G. advanced from $\$ 2.97$ to $\$ 3.07$ per 100 pounds.

SILVER:- The price of silver, reflecting weakness in Chinese exchange, declined from $49.7 \phi$ per ource in Tovember to $48.2 \phi$ in December.

TIN:- On Decemicer 5 th, tin reached the lowest price quoted since August,1923.
but toward the latter part of the month the market became stronger and the average December price of $45.75 \phi$ per pound for tin ingots, Straits, compared favourably with the November quotation of $43.75 \phi$.

Features of the tin situation during the month were the reports from London of a merger of four large tin smelting concerns, and of a resolution passed by the Tin Producers Association to curtail production in the east.

GLASS:- Plate and sheet glass showed declines from November. Sheet glass $16 \mathrm{oz} .40 \mathrm{U} . \mathrm{I}$. fell from $\$ 4.47$ per box to $\$ 4.02$ and plate glass $3 / 41$ super went lower from $59.25 \phi$ to $53.3 \phi$ per square foot.

COAL:- Quotations for American bituminous run-of-mine at Toronto advanced to $\$ 6.25$ per ton, and American bituminous slack was likewise quoted higher at $\$ 5.75$, the increase in each case being $25 \phi$ per ton.

CHEMICALS:- The demand for ethyl ene glycol as an anti-freeze material was chiefly responsible for the price stiffening from $25 \phi-28 \phi$ per pound in November to $25 \phi-30 \phi$ per pound in December. Sulphate of ammonia and dried blood in the fertilizers section were also reported to be in a stronger position.

BUIIDING AID CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS - 1913=100

The following table giving indexes of building and construction costs on a 1913 base, is now included in the monthly bulletin in addition to the same data on the base $1926=100$, given on page 8 .

No. of
Price
Series May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

Building and Con-
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { struction Materials } & 97 & 151.5 & 150.6 & 151.4 & 152.5 & 153.1 & 151.0 & 150.5 & 149.7\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { Lumber } & 27 & 152.1 & 151.4 & 151.7 & 151.7 & 150.2 & 146.6 & 146.0 & 145.7\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { Painters' Materials } & 11 & 156.6 & 156.8 & 159.5 & 170.8 & 187.0 & 187.0 & 185.4 & 182.2\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllllllll}\text { Miscellaneous } & 59 & 148.5 & 147.4 & 148.0 & 148.0 & 147.5 & 146.3 & 146.3 & 145.7\end{array}$

|  | Price <br> Series | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Index- 50 Cowrad-ijes | 502 | 94.6 | 97.3 | 96.7 | 95.8 | 96.2 |

INDEX MNEERS OF COMCLIITES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO ITIGR CHLSH COMPONFNT MATERTSI
I. Vegetable Productis. (grain,
II. Animals and Their Products
III. Fibres, Textiles \& Fextile Froducts
IV. Mood, Fiood Products and Paper
V. Iron and Its Erocucts
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Frobucts
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products

INDEX NUMRERS OF CONLOUITIES CIASSIFIED ACCCEDING TO FUPPOSE
I. Consumers' Goods

Food, Beverages and Tobacco
Other Consumers' Goods
II. Producers' Geods

Producers' Equipment
Procucers' Materials
Building and Construction Materials
Manufacturers' Materials
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMOOITIES CLASSIFIFD
ACCORDIIV TO ORIGIN
Total Raw oi Partly Manufactured
Total Fillly or Chiefly Manufactured73
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124 $\begin{array}{llllll}74 & 109.4 & 108.7 & 109.7 & 108.1 & 109.7\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}60 & 93.2 & 91.2 & 90.4 & 89.8 & 89.6\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}44 & 98.3 & 93.7 & 93.3 & 93.6 & 93.5\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}39 & 93.0 & 93.9 & 93.6 & 93.6 & 93.5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}0.5 .1 & 98.2 & 97.5 & 96.7 & 96.4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}93.4 & 93.1 & 92.2 & 92.6 & 93.2\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}94.2 & 96.2 & 96.1 & 95.4 & 95.4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}9 & 4.5 & 95.6 & 95.6 & 95.1\end{array} 95.4$ $\begin{array}{lllll}97.4 & 102.9 & 103.8 & 162.3 & 103.3\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}92.5 & 90.5 & 90.1 & 90.3 & 90.2\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}93.4 & 99.0 & 97.3 & 95.5 & 96.1\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}94.5 & 94.8 & 94.4 & 94.6 & 96.3\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}93.3 & 99.5 & 97.6 & 95.6 & 96.1\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rrrrr}98.1 & 100.2 & 98.8 & 98.5 & 98.0 \\ 92.3 & 99.3 & 97.3 & 94.9 & 95.7\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}92.3 & 99.3 & 97.3 & 94.9 & 95.7\end{array}$

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$\begin{array}{lllll}94.0 & 101.4 & 100.3 & 97.2 & 98.5\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}93.8 & 94.2 & 93.9 & 93.7 & 93.5\end{array}$
I. Articles of Farm Origin
(Domestic and Foreign)
A. Fieli, (grains, fruits, cotton, etc.)
(a) Rair or partly manufactured
(b) fuliy or chiefly manufactured
98

| 80.9 | 97.5 | 94.0 | 88.8 | 89.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 90.3 | 94.2 | 94.1 | 93.5 | 93.5 |
| 86.0 | 95.7 | 94.0 | 91.3 | 91.7 |

B. Animal
(a) Raw or paxtly manufactured

| 41 | 116.8 | 115.3 | 118.2 | 115.4 | 119.0 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 49 | 98.7 | 97.3 | 97.1 | 97.3 | 96.5 |

(c) Total

| 90 | 106.5 | 105.1 | 106.3 | 105.2 | 106.3 |
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C. Canadian Farm Products
(1) Fielc (
(2) Animal
(3) Iotal
$\begin{array}{lllll}82.6 & 103.4 & 99.1 & 93.9 & 95.2\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}117.0 & 112.7 & 115.9 & 113.7 & 118.7\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}95.5 & 106.9 & 105.2 & 101.0 & 104.0\end{array}$
II. Articles of Marine Origin
(a) Ram or partiy manufactured
(3) Fully or chiefly manufactured
(c) Total

| 113.5 | 95.9 | 102.3 | 102.3 | 93.2 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 105.6 | 107.9 | 109.5 | 109.8 | 109.8 |
| 107.7 | 304.6 | 107.5 | 107.8 | 105.3 |

III. Articles of Fैorest Origin
(a) Ra\% or partly manufactured
(b) Iully or chiefly manufactured
(c) Totai

| 31 | 100.7 | 100.1 | 99.4 | 99.4 | 99.8 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 21 | 96.2 | 87.7 | 87.7 | 87.7 | 87.7 |
| 52 | 98.3 | 93.5 | 93.2 | 93.4 | 93.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 57 | 96.2 | 92.9 | 92.5 | 92.1 | 92.7 |
| 126 | 92.3 | 93.3 | 92.3 | 92.4 | 92.3 |
| 183 | 92.3 | 93.2 | 92.4 | 92.3 | 92.5 |

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## INDEX NUNBERS OF COMMODITIES

(Classified Accoraing to Chief Component Material)
$1926=100$

|  | CormoditiesNo. of <br>  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1928 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Dec.} \\ & 1929 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index 502 | 94.6 | 97.3 | 96.7 | 95.8 | 96.2 |
| 1. | Vegetable Products 124 | 86.3 | 97.6 | 96.3 | 93.7 | 94.2 |
|  | Fruits 15 | 118.2 | 125.1 | 122.8 | 121.7 | 123.1 |
|  | Fresh, Domestic 3 | 159.0 | 169.5 | 166.8 | 155.1 | 158.2 |
|  | Fresh, Foreign 4 | 94.8 | 94.0 | 92.8 | 99.7 | 101.9 |
|  | Dried 5 | 84.2 | 110.1 | 103.3 | 108.2 | 103.4 |
|  | Canned 3 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 101.0 | 101.0 |
|  | Grains 23 | 83.2 | 105.2 | 100.0 | 94.5 | 96.0 |
|  | Flour and Milled |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Products 9 | 90.1 | 102.2 | 102.6 | 101.9 | 101.9 |
|  | Bakery Products 2 | 100.2 | 106.1 | 106.1 | 103.6 | 103.6 |
|  | Vegetable 011s 6 | 88.2 | 99.9 | 98.5 | 96.9 | 95.4 |
|  | Rubber and Its Products 6 Sugar and Its Products | 69.8 | 65.1 | 65.1 | 65.0 | 65.0 |
|  | \& Glucose 5 | 90.2 | 89.8 | 89.9 | 90.1 | 90.1 |
|  | Tea, Coffee, Cocoa \& Spioes | 99.2 | 97.9 | 97.4 | 96.2 | 95.0 |
|  | Tobacco 8 | 68.3 | 68.3 | 68.3 | 68.3 | 68.3 |
|  | Vegetables 15 | 57.3 | 78.8 | 81.6 | 80.0 | 80.2 |
|  | Miscellaneous 22 | 95.6 | 90.5 | 91.1 | 90.0 | 87.7 |
| 11. | Animals and Their Products 74 | 109.4 | 108.7 | 109.8 | 108.1 | 109.7 |
|  | Fishery Products 16 | 106.3 | 104.7 | 107.7 | 107.8 | 111.8 |
|  | Furs 9 | 125.3 | 141.9 | 143.2 | 143.2 | 143.2 |
|  | Hides and Skins 5 | 158.6 | 132.5 | 126.2 | 110.4 | 106.4 |
|  | Leather, Unmanufactured 5 | 122.7 | 110.5 | 110.5 | 109.8 | 107.5 |
|  | Boots and Shoes 3 | 113.1 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 100.7 |
|  | Live Stock 4 | 115.7 | 117.8 | 112.9 | 111.5 | 119.9 |
|  | Meats and Poultry 10 | 102.4 | 110.0 | 106.8 | 1014.3 | 104.0 |
|  | Milk and Its Products 12 | 111.1 | 105.1 | 108.2 | 109.4 | 111.7 |
|  | Fats | 95.1 | 84.0 | 86.1 | 88.2 | 88.7 |
|  | Eggs 5 | 116.7 | 121.8 | 134.5 | 129.2 | 125.4 |
| 111. Fibres,Textiles \& Textile <br> Products <br> $60 \quad 93.2$ <br> 91.2 <br> 90.4 <br> 89.8 <br> 89.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cotton, raw 2 | 113.7 | 107.9 | 105.6 | 100.2 | 98.8 |
|  | Cotton Yarn and Thread 2 | 100.2 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 99.0 |
|  | Cotton Fabrics 17 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.2 | 91.2 |
|  | Knit Goods 1 | 94.4 | 94.4 | 94.4 | 94.4 | 94.4 |
|  | Sash Cord 1 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 107.1 |
|  | Flax, Eemp \& Jute Products 8 | 89.7 | 86.3 | 83.9 | 83.4 | 83.4 |
|  | Silk, raw 3 | 81.9 | 83.2 | 80.4 | 75.2 | 73.4 |
|  | " thread and yarn 2 | 82.0 | 82.0 | 82.0 | 82.0 | 82.0 |
|  | " hosiery 2 | 98.6 | 94.1 | 94.1 | 94.1 | 94.1 |
|  | $\pi$ fabrics 4 | 81.6 | 77.0 | 75.2 | 75.2 | 73.9 |
|  | Artificial Silk \& Products 2 | 91.1 | 74.8 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
|  | Wool, raw 3 | 110.3 | 86.6 | 80.4 | 77.6 | 74.3 |
|  | " ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ yarns hosiery and knit 4 | 96.2 | 93.7 | 93.7 | 93.7 | 93.7 |
|  | Goods 2 | 106.5 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.9 |
|  | " blankets 1 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 107.1 |
|  | " cloth 4 | 98.1 | 94.9 | 94.0 | 91.9 | 91.9 |
|  | Carpets 2 | 92.4 | 92.4 | 92.4 | 92.4 | 92.4 |

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## INDEX NUNBERS OF COMMODITIES

(Classified According to Purpose for which used, 1926-100)







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# - 10 - <br> INOEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1929. 

$(1926=100)$
The weighted index of retail prices rents and costs of services ( $1920=100$ ) was 101.6 in Decemoer as compared with 101.5 for November.

The index for 46 food items rose from 104.2 to 104.5, lower prices for meats and beans being more than offset by higher levels $f$ or eggs and potatoes. Sirloin beef declined from $35.8 \phi$ to $35.0 \phi$, shoulder beef from $22.3 \phi$ to $22.1 \phi$, fresh pork from $30.0 \phi$ to $28.9 \phi$, salt pork from $27.5 \phi$ to $27.2 \phi$, breakfast oacon from $40.3 \phi$ to $39.0 \phi$ and cooked ham from $61.8 \phi$ to $61.5 申$ per 1 lb . Beans fell from $1103 \phi$ to $10.8 \phi$ per lb. Fresh eggs advanced from $58.3 \phi$ to $64.7 \phi$ per doz., while the cooking and storage variety were $48.6 \phi$ and $50.4 \phi$, respectively, for November and December. Potatoes were up from $42.4 \phi$ to $42.3 \phi$ per pk.

The fuel and lighting index rose from 97.1 to 97.3 , due to slightly higher prices for anthracite coal at some centres.

Index numbers for other groups were unchanged.
INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RENTS AIJD COSTS OF SERVICES, 1914-1928, AND JANUARY - DICMMBER, 1929.

| Year | Total <br> Index | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Food } \\ & \text { Index } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fuel } \\ & \text { Index } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rent } \\ & \text { Inde } \end{aligned}$ | Clothing Index | Sundries Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1914 | 66.0 | 68.9 | 64.5 | 62.2 | 63.9 | 66.2 |
| 1915 | 67.3 | 69.5 | 63.2 | 60.3 | 69.6 | 66.9 |
| 1916 | 72.5 | 77.5 | 64.5 | 60.9 | 79.7 | 70.2 |
| 1917 | 85.6 | 100.0 | 71.7 | 65.4 | 93.7 | 76.8 |
| 1918 | 97.4 | 114.6 | 78.9 | 69.2 | 109.5 | 86.1 |
| 1919 | 107.2 | 122.5 | 86.2 | 75.6 | 125.9 | 95.4 |
| 1920 | 124.2 | 141.1 | 102.6 | 86.5 | 153.2 | 104.0 |
| 1921 | 109.2 | 107.9 | 109.2 | 94.2 | 124.7 | 106.0 |
| 1922 | 100.0 | 91.4 | $10 \div 6$ | 98.1 | 105.7 | 106.0 |
| 1923 | 100.0 | 92.1 | 104.6 | 100.6 | 104.4 | 105.3 |
| 1924 | 98.0 | 90.7 | 102.0 | 101.3 | 101.9 | 103.3 |
| 1925 | 99.3 | 94.7 | 100.0 | 101.3 | 101.9 | 101.3 |
| 1926 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1927 | 98.5 | 98.1 | 97.9 | 98.8 | 97.5 | 99.6 |
| 1928 | 99.1 | 98.6 | 96.9 | 101.2 | 97.4 | 99.7 |
| 1928 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March | 98.8 | 97.7 | 97.5 | 101.2 | 97.2 | 99.7 |
| April | 98.7 | 97.5 | 97.3 | 101.2 | 97.2 | 99.7 |
| May . | 98.4 | 96.4 | 96.7 | 101.2 | 97.3 | 99.7 |
| June . | 98.2 | 95.9 | 96. | 101.2 | 97.3 | 99.7 |
| July | 98.4 | 96.6 | 95.9 | 101.2 | 97.3 | 99.7 |
| August | 99.2 | 98.9 | 96.3 | 101.2 | 97.6 | 99.7 |
| September | 99.3 | 99.2 | 96.3 | 101.2 | 97.6 | 99.7 |
| October . | 99.9 | 101.1 | 97.1 | 101.2 | 97.6 | 99.7 |
| November | 99.8 | 100.7 | 97.1 | 101.2 | 97.6 | 99.7 |
| Docember | 99.7 | 100.5 | 97.1 | 101.2 | 97.6 | 99.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 99.6 | 100.2 | 97.1 | 101.2 | 97.6 | 99.7 |
| February | 99,4 | 99.4 | 97.2 | 101.2 | 97.6 | 99.7 |
| March . . | 99.5 | 100.0 | 97.4 | 101.2 | 97.3 | 99.7 |
| April | 99.0 | 98.2 | 97.5 | 101.2 | 97.3 | 99.7 |
| May . . | 99.3 | 98.0 | 96.7 | 103.6 | 96.9 | 99.7 |
| June | 99.2. | 97.8 | 96.1 | 103.6 | 96.9 | 99.7 |
| Juiy | 99.4 | 98.6 | 96.0 | 103.6 | 96.9 | 99.7 |
| August | 101.1 | 104.2 | 96.2 | 103.6 | 96.7 | 99.7 |
| Soptember | 100.9 | 103.6 | 96.3 | 103.6 | 96.7 | 99.7 |
| October | 101.1 | 103.2 | 96.4 | 105.5 | 96.7 | 99.6 |
| Novermber | 101.5 | 104.2 | 97.1 | 105.5 | 96.7 | 99.6 |
| December | 101.6 | 104.5 | 97.3 | 105.5 | 96.7 | 99.6 |

Index Nuniers of Retail Prices of Frircipal Articles of Food in Carada (Cont'd.)

| Year ard Month | $\begin{gathered} \text { Eeef } \\ \text { Sirloin } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Beef Chuck | Veal <br> Roast | Mutt on <br> Reast | Ferk <br> Fresh | Pork <br> Salt | Eecor. <br> Ereak- <br> fast | Lard <br> Fure | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Eggs } \\ & \text { Fresh } \end{aligned}$ | Eggs Storage \& Cocking | Wilk | Butter Dairy | Butter Creamery | Cheese |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1927 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 132.2 | 100.0 | 105.9 | 107.2 | 95.9 |
| Jan. | 97.6 98.3 | $100 . C$ | 104.2 104.2 | 96.3 96.0 | 95.4 95.4 | 98.6 96.4 | 96.8 94.2 | 94.1 | 124.18 | 125.9 | 100.0 | 107.7 | 109.4 | 96.5 |
| Feb. liar. | 98.3 98.6 | 99.4 200.6 | 104.7 | 98.0 | 94.7 | 97.1 | 92.4 | 91.0 | 108.5 | 112.3 | 101.7 | 107.2 | 108.7 | 97.5 |
| Apr. | 101.4 | 103.8 | 104.2 | 99.7 | 94.4 | 47.1 | 91.9 | 90.2 | 81.2 | 86.4 | 100.8 | 108.6 | 110.7 | 96.9 |
| Miay | 108.5 | 112.6 | 104.2 | 101.? | 95.0 | 96.4 | 92.1 | 89.4 | 75.0 | 79.6 | 100.8 | 108.1 | 109.8 | 96.9 |
| June | 112.9 | 120.1 | 105.7 | 101.0 | 94.0 | 95.3 | 91.2 | 88.4 | 77.4 | 83.4 | 96.7 | 98.8 | 98. | 96. |
| July | 112.2 | 117.6 | 103.t | 101.0 | 93.4 | $95 \cdot 3$ | 89.8 | 87.8 | 80.8 | 86.2 | 96.7 | 91.4 | 94.0 | 97.2 |
| Aug. | 110.2 | 171.6 | 105.2 | 100.0 | 92.4 | 94.6 | 89.6 | 87.8 | 86.1 | 92.2 | 96.7 | 92.3 | 94.0 | 97. |
| Sept. | 108.5 | 110.1 | 107.8 | 98.0 | 94.0 | 94.6 | 89.6 | 89.0 | 98.9 | 106.0 | 96.7 | 97.0 | 98 | 93.4 |
| Oct. | 104.8 | 108.2 | 106.8 | 97.0 | 94.4 | 95.7 | 89.8 | 89.4 | 112.4 | 117.3 | 96.? | 102.7 | 103. | 98.4 |
| Nov. | 103.4 | 107.5 | 107.8 | 93.0 | 91.1 | 95. | 88. 5 | 89.8 | 123.3 | 124.6 | 100.8 | 104.7 | 104.0 | $100 \cdot 3$ |
| D6Cig | 104.1 | 109.4 | 109.4 | 95.0 | 87.1 | 93.2 | 87.0 | 90.6 | 137.0 | 130.7 | 106.7 | 105.7 | 104.5 | $100 \cdot 6$ |
| $\frac{18}{\text { Jan. }}$ | 106.8 | 114.5 | 112.5 | gr.t | 85.8 | 22.5 | 86.1 | 90.2 | 137.4 | 130.7 | 107.5 | 105.7 | 105.1 | 101.3 |
| Fel. | 114.3 | 123.3 | 116.1 | 99.7 | 83.8 | 91.0 | 85.2 | 89.4 | 110.7 | 111.1 | 107.5 | 104.4 | 103.6 | 101.3 |
| Niar. | 113.3 | 124.5 | 114.1 | 100.0 | 83.1 | 90.7 | 82.9 | 88.6 | 98.5 | 100.8 | 105.8 | 102.7 | 102.0 | 101 |
| Apr. | 114.6 | 125.8 | 113.0 | 98.3 | 82.5 | 90.3 | 81.7 | 88.2 | 85.9 | 87.9 | 105.8 | 104.7 | $106 . \mathrm{C}$ | 102. |
| May | 115.3 | 126.4 | 112.5 | 100.7 | 83.1 | 91.0 | 81.3 | 88.2 | 76.5 | 79.4 | 101.7 | 104.2 | 104.3 | 103.5 |
| June | 117 ? | 129.t | 113.5 | 102.3 | 87.1 | 92.5 | 82.6 | 89.0 | 76.9 | 80.9 | 98.3 | 98.5 | 97.8 | 102.5 |
| July | 121.4 | 134.0 | 116.7 | 102.3 | 92.4 | 43.5 | 86.1 | 89.4 | 82.3 | 85.9 | 98.3 98.3 | 95.1 | 96.9 99.6 | 102.5 |
| Aug. | 122.1 | 134.0 | 117.7 | 101.0 | 95.4 | 95.7 | 90.3 | 90.6 | 90.2 | 94.5 104.0 | 98.3 105.8 | 27.0 102.0 | 102.7 | 1 C 4.4 |
| Sept. | 124.1 | 134.0 | 121.9 | 103.0 | 103.0 | 98.2 | 94.7 | 91.8 | 98.9 109.0 | 114.6 | 105.8 105.8 | 105.7 | 106.0 | 106. 3 |
| Nor. | 122.4 119.7 | 136.5 136.5 | 125.0 122.9 | 104.0 | $102 . t$ 94.0 | 98.9 97.5 | 98.6 | 93.5 93.5 | 122.6 | 121.1 | 105.8 | 107.2 | 106.7 | 106.0 |
| Dec. | 117.7 | 134.0 | 122.4 | 100.3 | 89.7 | 95.0 | 90.0 | 92.2 | 137.0 | 127.6 | 105.8 | 107.9 | 106.9 | 105.7 |
| 1929 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 118.0 | 135.8 | 125.0 | 101.0 | 90.4 | 95.0 | 88.9 | 91.4 | 128.4 | 121.6 | 105.8 | 108.6 | 107.8 | 106.0 |
| Fet. | 118.4 | 136.5 | 126.0 | 102.3 | 91.1 | 94.6 | 87.7 | 91.8 | 106.2 | 104.0 | 109.2 | 108.6 | 108.1 | 106.3 |
| Mar. | 118.7 | 137.1 | 128.1 | 102.0 | 42.7 | 94.6 | 87.7 | 90.6 | 109.4 | 111.8 | 109.2 | 109.9 | 109.6 | 206.3 |
| Apr. | 120.4 | 137.7 | 126.6 | 101.3 | 95.7 | 95.3 | 87.5 | 90.2 | 86.1 | 87.4 | 109.2 | 109.1 | 109.6 | 106.3 |
| May | 123.8 | 141.5 | 124.5 | 105.7 | 100.3 | 97.5 | 88.6 | 89.4 | 74.8 | 77.4 | 108.3 | 108.9 | 108.5 | 106.6 |
| June | 129.6 | 152.2 | 127.1 | 104.4 | 103.0 | 99.3 | 91.7 | 89.8 | 75.0 | 77.9 | 105.8 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 104.4 |
| July | 129.9 | 152.8 | 128.1 | 106.7 | 104.6 | 100.7 | 91.7 | 89.8 | 96.9 | 80.4 | 105.8 | 96.8 | 98.7 100.4 | 104.4 |
| Aug. | 130.6 | 150.9 | 128.1 | 108.4 | 108.6 | 100.7 | 94.9 | 90.6 | 83.8 | 8r. 9 | 105.8 | 99.3 | 100.4 | 104.7 |
| Sert. | 127.9 | 146.5 | 128.1 | 106.7 | 107.6 | 102.2 | 96.3 | 89.4 | 101.3 | 104.3 | 103.3 | 103.2 | 102.9 | 104.4 |
| Oet. | 125.5 | 142.1 | 129.2 | 103.7 | 103.6 | 99.3 | 94.9 | 88. | 109. 6 | 113.3 | 103.3 | 105.2 | 164.9 | 103.8 |
| Nev. | 121.8 | 140.2 | 129.7 | 101.5 | 99.3 | 98.6 | 93.3 | 87.7 | 124.6 | 122.1 | 107.5 | 107.7 | 106.0 | 104.1 |
| Bec. | 119.0 | 138.9 | 130.2 | 101.3 | 95.7 | 97.5 | 91.7 | 87.3 | 138.2 | 126.6 | 107.5 | 108.4 | 106.3 | 104.4 |


| Year and Month | Bread | Flowr | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rolled } \\ \text { Oats } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Rice | Beans | Apples Evapor－ atec | Prines | Sugar Grazu－ labed | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sugar } \\ & \text { Yollow } \end{aligned}$ | Tea | Coffee | Potaioes | Winegat | We亡どnted Fond Index （ 16 itcins） |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1927 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jsn． | 100.0 | 93.1 | 103.4 | 100，0 | 101． 3 | 101．5 | 58.1 | 101.7 | $105=3$ | 100． 3 | 100.5 | 78.6 | 1000 | 107.0 |
| Feb． | 100.0 | $100_{5} 0$ | 103.4 | 100.0 | 102.5 | 100.5 | 90.8 | 107．${ }^{1}$ | 100．？ | 100.1 | 100.7 | 78.4 | $90.7$ | $100.0$ |
| iver． | 101．4 | 95.1 | 103.4 | 100．0 | 102.5 | 100.5 | $96 c^{7}$ | 107．7 | 105：3 | 99.9 | 1007 | 73.5 | 101． 3 | 90.6 |
| Apre | 100.0 | 93.1 | 201．7 | 100.0 | 101.3 | 98.5 | $2 \div 9$ | 307．？ | 105.3 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 63.2 | 100．0 | 965 |
| Way | 100.0 | 98.1 | 103． 4 | 100．0 | 102.5 | 97.0 | 94.3 | 10\％？ | 105.3 | 99.9 | 99.5 | 67 | 200： 0 | 76.6 |
| Junc | 102．7 | 100.0 | 1.03 .4 | 100.0 | 102.5 | 96.5 | 93.6 | 20？ 7 | 106．？ | 99.9 | 200． 3 | 32．1 | 101．3 | 96 |
| Juily | 102.7 | 100.0 | 105.2 | 99.1 | 103．8 | 36.5 | 26.2 | 101．7 | 105.3 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 57,0 | 101.3 | 98，0 |
| sug． | 10＜．7 | IU00．0 | 108．6 | 98.2 | 102.5 | 97.5 | 94.9 | 70502 | 105.3 | 99.4 | 98.7 | 96.0 | 101．3 | 97.7 |
| Sept． | 102．7 | 101：9 | 108.6 | 98.2 | 101． 3 | 95.5 | 93.6 | $1.55=$ ？ | 104．0 | 99.3 | 99.3 | 10.6 | 101， 3 | 26． 8 |
| OC． | 104．1 | $100=0$ | 110.3 | 99.7 | ？ 01.3 | 95.0 | 23.0 | 1）3．8 | 104．0 | $9 \% 3$ | 99.2 | 63.3 | 101.3 | 97.7 |
| Nov． | 104．1 | 28．1 | 110.3 | 98.2 | 100.0 | 07.5 | 97.1 | 125． 1 | 1.02 .7 | 95.4 | 99.5 | 66.1 | 102． 3 | 98．5 |
| IHC： コロッ8 | 104．1 | 58， 1 | 110.3 | 88.2 | 101：${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 96.0 | 88.5 | 103．3 | 102.7 | 9909 | 79.8 | 66：9 | 101．3 | 98.9 |
| 3－15 | 705： | 98.1 | 108，6 | 37.2 | 101.3 | 97.6 | 80， 5 | 103.3 | 102．7 | 97.2 | 44．？ | 66：9 | 101.3 | $100=4$ |
| Fob， | 1050 | 950 | 708.6 | 96.3 | 100.0 | 93.0 | 85.4 | 103．8 | 101． 3 | 100.0 | 99.3 | 67.3 | 101.3 | 99.1 |
| Mais | 106.8 | 96.2 | 108：6 | 96.3 | 101.3 | 101.0 | 8.4 .7 | 3.013 | 101． 3 | 79．！ | 99.0 | 67.1 | 105.2 | 97.7 i |
| A $\mathrm{ArO}^{\text {d }}$ | lot： 8 | 96.2 | 108．6 | 97．2 | 103.8 | 104．0 | 85.4 | 705.95 | 101．3 | 99.8 | ？ 9.7 | 71.0 | 701.3 | 97.5 a |
| Moy | 106.0 | 98.1 | 108．6 | 96.3 | 108.9 | 105．0 | 84.1 | 703.8 | 101．3 | 79.9 | 98.5 | 690 | 1．01．？ | 90.4 |
| June | 108.1 | 98.1 | 110.3 | 98.3 | 112.7 | 107．0 | 84.7 | 202.6 | 101．3 | 1.90 .0 | 98．4 | 63.0 | 101.3 | 95．9 |
| July | 108． 3 | 93.7 | 108．6 | 96.3 | 115.2 | 109．0 | 86.0 | 102.6 | 1.00 .0 | 99.4 | 08.7 | 59， 7 | $1.00=0$ | 36.6 |
| A ${ }^{\text {Jog }}$ | 102．7 | 93.1 | 108.6 | 97.2 | 115.2 | 107.5 | 86.0 | 101．3 | 100.0 | 93.4 | 98.7 | 77.2 | 101． 3 | 98.9 |
| Sept． | 102.7 | 96.2 | 108.6 | 95.4 | 116.5 | 1．04．5 | 86：0 | 1000 | 98.7 | 99.3 | 98.0 | $50 . ?$ | 101． 3 | $99=?$ |
| Oご， | 100，0 | 96.2 | 108.6 | 95.4 | 120.3 | 105.5 | 86.6 | 100.0 | 97.3 | 99.4 | 99.3 | 53.2 | 1023 | 101.0 |
| Nev． | 100.0 | 94.3 | 108.6 | 95.4 | 124.1 | 104.5 | 85.4 | 98.7 | 96.0 | 93.7 | yo．n 2 | 51.8 | 102，6 | 300.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & +929 . \end{aligned}$ | 100.0 | 94.3 | 106.9 | 94.5 | 130.4 | 103.0 | 86：0 | 96．？ | 96.0 | 98．3 | 98.9 | 51.2 | 101．3 | 100.5 |
| Jan． | 100.0 | 92.5 | 108.6 | 95.4 | 134.2 | 103.5 | 86.6 | 96.2 | 96.0 | 98.7 | 99.2 | 52.4 | 102.6 | $100=2$ |
| Feb． | 100．0 | 92.5 | 108.6 | 96.3 | 140.5 | 104.0 | 86.6 | 97.4 | 94.7 | 98.5 | 99.3 | 54.0 | 102.6 | 99.4 |
| Mar． | 100.0 | 92.5 | 108.6 | 95.4 | 148.1 | 106．5 | 87.3 | 96.2 | 94.7 | 98.3 | 98.5 | 53.6 | 101．3 | 100.0 |
| Apr． | 100.0 | 92.5 | 106.9 | 96.3 | 149.4 | 106.5 | 86.0 | 91.9 | 93.3 | 98.3 | 99.2 | 51.0 | 102.6 | 98.2 |
| Way | 100.0 | 92.5 | 108.6 | 95.4 | 151.9 | 104.5 | 86.0 | 92.3 | 92.0 | 98.7 | 99.2 | 50.0 | 101．3 | 98.0 |
| June | 98.6 | 90.6 | 106.9 | 94.5 | 151.9 | 106.5 | 86.6 | 92.0 | 89.3 | 98.2 | 98.7 | 52.2 | 102.6 | 97.8 |
| July | 98.6 | 90.6 | 108.6 | 94.5 | 150.6 | 106.0 | 87.3 | 92.3 | 90.7 | 98.2 | 98.9 | 59.7 | 100.0 | 98.6 |
| Aug． | 98.6 | 100.0 | 110.3 | 94.5 | 150.6 | 10．3，0 | 87.9 | 89.7 | 90.7 | 98.2 | 98.4 | 109.7 | 101.3 | 104.2 |
| Sept． | 102.7 | 100.0 | 110.3 | 95.4 | 150.6 | 106．0 | 90.4 | 91.0 | 90.7 | 98.3 | 98.4 | 87.1 | 102.6 | 103.6 |
| Oct． | 102.7 | 100.0 | $110: 3$ | 94.5 | 149.4 | 105.0 | 93.0 | 92.3 | 92.0 | 97.8 | 98.4 | 83.9 | 102．t | 103.2 |
| Nov． | 102.7 | 100.0 | 110.3 | 93.6 | 143.0 | 107.0 | 97.4 | 93.6 | 92.0 | 97.9 | 99.0 | 84.1 | 101.3 | 104.2 |
| Dec． | 102.7 | 100.0 | 110.3 | 94.5 | 136.7 | 106.5 | 99.4 | 93.6 | 92.0 | 97.9 | 98.7 | 85.1 | 101，3 | 104.5 |

The "Traders' Index" of the prices of twenty-five best selling industrial and public utility common stocks on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges was 786.7 for the month of December, 1929, as compared with 769.2 for November, 1929, (monthly indexes are simple averages of weekly figures).

Some of the principal changes in price during the month were as follows:liontreal Light, Heat and Power rose from $\$ 115!4$ to $\$ 129.6$, National Steel Car from $\$ 43.8$ to $\$ 57.7$, Consolidated Mining and Smelting from $\$ 251.5$ to $\$ 263.6$, Dominion Bridge from $\$ 07.5$ to $\$ 76.6$ (including Rights), Simon H. \& Sons Itd., from $\$ 30.4$ to $\$ 37.9$, Hamilton Bridge from $\$ 27.8$ to $\$ 32.6$, Ford "A" from $\$ 27.4$ to $\$ 31.4$, Quebec Power from $\$ 63.9$ to $\$ 67.7$ and Shawinigan from $\$ 75.3$ to $\$ 79.1$. Fraser fell from $\$ 26.2$ to $\$ 19.4$.

Sales of International Nickel declined from $1,196,500$ to 483,800 , Brazilian from 559,900 to 421, 000 , Walkers from 231,900 to 121,700, National Breweries "New" from 87,800 to 24,000 , Dominion Bridge from 64,100 to 19,900 , Shawinigan from 68,600 to 31,100 , Montreal Light, Heat and Power from 91,600 to 64,400 , Canada Car and Foundry from 59,800 to 33,400, Wassey Earris from 45,400 to 19,400 and McColl-Frontenac Oil from 38,600 to 18,500 .

Notes: The Traders" Index measures the trend of gains or losses for an "Average" trader on the Montreal and Toronto Stoak Mxchanges, who buys and sells as a whole and turns over his investments every week.
Column I. - Weighted index numbers of the prices of the 25 best selling Industrial and Public Utility Common Stocks on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges.

Colum II. - Index numbers of the total money value of the stocks included in Column I.

|  | $\pm$ | II |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 ate | Prices | Values |
| 1926 | 106 | 100 |
| 1927 |  |  |
| January | 211.7 | 101.5 |
| February | 123.0 | 114.6 |
| March | 1326 | 126.3 |
| April | 14612 | 149.6 |
| itay | 161.0 | 267.8 |
| June | 177.3 | 234.2 |
| July | 174.0 | 126.0 |
| August | 187.8 | 118.5 |
| September | 211.3 | 232.6 |
| October | 236.4 | 285.1 |
| November | 251.7 | 211.2 |
| December | 281.4 | 294.0 |
| 1928 |  |  |
| January | 317.7 | 282.9 |
| February | 322.0 | 230.3 |
| March | 338.5 | 230.5 |
| April | 379.5 | 262.0 |
| May | 417.1 | 256.0 |
| June | 388.0 | 184.3 |
| July | 391.2 | 108.0 |
| August | 391.3 | 127.8 |
| Soptember | 470.6 | 166.4 |
| October | 553.2 | 362.4 |
| November | 714.1 | 4440.1 |
| December | 809.7 | 256.8 |
| 1929 |  |  |
| January | 1039.5 | 475.3 |
| February | 1125.8 | 280.3 |
| March | 1057.3 | $2^{1}+2.4$ |
| April | 962.4 | 128.4 |
| May | 955.1 | 113.4 |
| June | 908.0 | 82.2 |
| July | 1032.1 | 86.0 |
| August | 1170.1 | 212.2 |
| September | 1230.4 | 179.2 |
| October | I125.8 | 269.5 |
| November | 709.2 | 119.4 |
| December | 786.7 | 55.8 |

The monthly inders of ninety-two industrial stocks advanced from 209.4 in November to 210.0 in December: Iron and Steel fose From 212.9 to 231.5 and oeverages from 88.0 to $93: 8$. Willing declined from 200.1 to 190.8. Eighteen utilities rose from 130.9 to 131.6 . In this group porer and tracion went up from 141.1 to 148.5 while transportation stocks fell from 128.3 to 122.6 . Soven companies abroad advanced from 129.5 to 137.9. Eight banks were 117.4 compared with 117.9 in November.

PRHFERPD STOCKS
Twenty-two preferred stocks roso slightyy, being 100.4 as compared with 99.8 ir. November. Cenadian Oar and Foundry ment up from 27.0 to 30.5 , Jity Dairy from 120.4 to 123.0 and Lioore prest. 3. from 130.8 动 150.0 Nationel Bremeries declined irom 120.0 to 110.0.

INDEX NUTBERS OF 22 PEWHYRED STOCKS
1926-1929
(1926:100)

| 1926 | 100.4 | 101.4 | 100.9 | 99.6 | 98.3 | 98.7 | 99.1 | 99.4 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 101.0 | 101.4 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1927 | 102.1 | 102.5 | 102.7 | 102.5 | 102.5 | 102.1 | 102.5 | 103.8 | 104.8 | 107.8 | 110.8 | 111.8 |
| 1928 | 111.5 | 110.9 | 109.9 | 111.4 | 111.7 | 111.2 | 110.3 | 107.5 | 107.6 | 106.2 | 104.0 | 107.9 |
| 1929 | 107.4 | 108.1 | 100.8 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 105.6 | 105.1 | 102.9 | 99.8 | 100.4 |

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$1926=100$
The weighted index number of seventeen mining stocks computed by the Dominion Sureau of Statistics on the base $1926=100$ was 73.9 for the week ending January 2 nd as compared ${ }^{1} 1$ th 72.6 for the provious meak.

Wleven gold stocks roso from 53.6 to 54.0. Gold copper stocks ropresented by Amulot and Noranda rose from 170.9 to 176.1. Four silver and miscollaneous stocks rose from 49.6 to 50.3 .

Among the gold stocks meokly average prices behaved as follows:- Ucintyre rose from $\$ 15.04$ to $\$ 15.10$, Lake Snore from $\$ 19.38$ to $\$ 19.53$, teck- Fughes from $\$ 4.94$ to $\$ 5.04$ and Wright-Hargroaves from $\$ 1.28$ to $\$ 1.33$. Premier fell from $\$ 1.57$ to $\$ 1.54$.

Avorage weekly pricos woro higher for both of the gold copper stocks. Amulet rose from $\$ 1.42$ to $\$ 1.56$ and Noranda from $\$ 33.30$ to $\$ 34.21$.

In the silver and miscollanoous group, Coniaras rose from $98 \phi$ to $\$ 1.23$. Nipissing foll from \$1.65 to \$1.63.

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|  | eral | Bu*nk |  | Utilities |  |  | Industrials |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - Compantess Abroad |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. $f$ Securities | Total | Total | Total | Trans-portation | Telephone Telegraph | Power <br> and <br> Tract- <br> ion | Tutal | Iron and Steel \& Iron and Steel Products | Ful and <br> - Pabor | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Mill}- \\ & \text { ing } \end{aligned}$ | Oils | Tex $=$ <br> tiles <br> and <br> Cloth- <br> ing | Food <br> and <br> Allied <br> Products | Beverages | Lis- <br> cell- <br> aneous | T tal | In-dustrial | Util- <br> ity |
| $\overline{1927}$ | 112 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 79 | - 9 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 9. | 21 | 7 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 7 |
| $\frac{1927}{\text { October }}$ |  |  |  |  | 108.5 |  | 154.5 | 187.8 | 134.7 | 159.9 | 168.4 | 137.1 | 144.2 | 147.1 | 147.7 | 125.1 | 97.8 |  |
| Netober | 136.8 139.0 | 124.9 | 129.8 130.3 | 124.1 | 108.7 | 143.9 144.0 | 154.5 158.2 | 199.1 | 141.0 | 171.7 | 169.6 | 134.9 | 149.3 | 164.8 | 148.4 | 130.9 | 104.0 | $163.0$ |
| December | 144.0 | 12.4 | 135.8 | 132.4 | 112.7 | 147.0 | 161.6 | 213.5 | 135.9 | 183.7 | 168.1 | 136.7 | 158.0 | 162.8 | 159.4 | 138.0 | 110.2 | 171.3 |
| January | 149.3 | 129.3 | 136.2 | 132.1 | 115.5 | 148.8 | 172.5 | 224.1 | 151.6 | 187.7 | 173.9 | 140.3 | 170.3 | 165.5 | 175.4 | 143.3 | 123.2 | 168.2 |
| Fobruary | 146.0 | 134.4 | 135.1 | 128.0 | 115.7 | 250.1 | 167.6 | 213.5 | 153.4 | 182.6 | 165.8 | 137.0 | 166.7 | 158.2 | 172.5 | 140.2 | 115.0 | 171.2 |
| liarch | 149.5 | 134.6 | 137.6 | 134.5 | 119.3 | 147.3 | 172.4 | 224.3 | 156.0 | 176.7 | 171.9 | 133.8 | 162.5 | 168.6 | 179.0 | 147.6 | 118.1 | 183.6 |
| April | 156.6 | 146.7 | 139.5 | 132.8 | 120.8 | 154.0 | 277.0 | 249.8 | 160.0 | 180.4 | 177.0 | 136.4 | 165.4 | 181.9 | 177.9 | 156.0 | 124.5 | 194.2 |
| Mixy | 164.5 | 146.8 | 150.6 | 137.7 | 124.4 | 175.0 | 184.4 | 255.7 | 156.3 | 184.9 | 193.6 | 134.0 | 169.7 | 187.3 | 183.4 | 163.8 | 132.2 | 202.1 |
| June | 151.9 | 139.1 | 139.1 | 127.6 | 119.4 | 160.1 | 170.0 | 230.8 | 127.0 | 175.8 | 180.8 | 123.0 | 157.3 | 165.0 | 177.5 | 150.2 | 120.6 | 192.6 |
| July | 152.6 | 136.7 | 140.6 | 129.2 | 118.0 | 162.1 | 169.6 | 234.7 | 113.7 | 176.1 | 186.2 | 120.0 | 155.8 | 167.4 | 175.9 | 153.0 | 121.5 | 197.8 |
| August | 148.6 | 136.5 | 136.1 | 129.5 | 115.6 | 150.7 | 166.5 | 222.2 | 98.9 | 169.9 | 186.3 | 116.5 | 150.1 | 158.6 | 181.8 | 145.9 | 11.7 .7 | 186.5 |
| Sopt omber | 159.7 | 139.9 | 143.4 | 136.2 | 118.6 | 159.7 | 185.3 | 247.3 | 108.1 | 178.9 | 210.8 | 117.7 | 153.1 | 175.4 | 210.5 | 154.9 | 122.9 | 200.3 |
| Octcter | 168.4 | 142.2 | 144.2 | 137.9 | 118.7 | 159.7 | 201.2 | 267.5 | 99.3 | 190.7 | 228.2 | 114.2 | 159.3 | 183.4 | 245.8 | 168.6 | 134.3 | 217.5 |
| Novermber | 184.2 | 144.6 | 149.2 | 149.6 | 119.2 | 157.3 | 229.3 | 317.5 | 101.1 | 197.5 | 261.5 | 114.3 | 166.6 | 195.8 | 295.6 | 189.1 | 159.5 | 234.2 |
| December <br> No. of | 183.6 | 147.4 | 149.7 | 149.3 | 120.3 | 158.8 | 237.3 | 328.6 | 97.1 | 208.3 | 246.5 | 114.1 | 182.5 | 184.4 | 336.3 | 185.5 | 151.5 | 235.6 |
| No. of Securities 1929 | $125$ | 8 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 92 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 23 | 11 | 20 | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| January | 207.4 | 150.2 | 154.0 | 153.7 | 122.3 | 164.9 | 286.1 | 374.6 | 101.6 | 217.2 | 276.3 | 110.9 | $196 . ?$ | 189.1 | 468.8 | 210.5 | 183.3 | 253.5 |
| February | 209.4 | 147.7 | 158.7 | 161.2 | 122.3 | 168.1 | 292.9 | 377.5 | 103.0 | 247.6 | 261.5 | 108.2 | 196.3 | 201.3 | 501.6 | 198.9 | 173.0 | 239.5 |
| March | 192.6 | 143.5 | 150.1 | 156.5 | 121.8 | 153.9 | 266.2 | 346.9 | 94.8 | 235.2 | 250.7 | 100.5 | 180.3 | 175.1 | 441.4 | 176.8 | 161.5 | 204.5 |
| April | 191.8 | 140.9 | 143.6 | 149.9 | 117.0 | 146.9 | 269.3 | 338.5 | 94.8 | 235.4 | 298.8 | 99.6 | 182.8 | 175.9 | 402.1 | 180.3 | 172.6 | 200.0 |
| May | 187.1 | 135.6 | 140.2 | 144.5 | 117.7 | 144.6 | 269.3 | 325.6 | 93.8 | 236.8 | 304.7 | 101.3 | 176.9 | 155.6 | 406.5 | 164.2 | 157.2 | 182.4 |
| June | 185.6 | 129.7 | 143.4 | 144.2 | 117.9 | 152.1 | 264.1 | 319.7 | 92.3 | 234.4 | 294.9 | 99.4 | 173.8 | 148.2 | 403.6 | 162.8 | 144.7 | 192.9 |
| July | 192.8 | 135.0 | 150.7 | 150.8 | 120.1 | 161.3 | 271.2 | 321.6 | 96.8 | 249.1 | 315.2 | 96.0 | 178.8 | 138.4 | 406.4 | 171.9 | 155.1 | 201.1 |
| Augwst | 207.4 | 135.4 | 159.2 | 145.8 | 128.0 | 184.0 | 293.8 | 325.4 | 109.2 | 256.8 | 359.3 | 91.2 | 181.3 | 136.7 | 433.6 | 192.6 | 168.5 | 231.2 |
| Sept ember | 217.1 | 133.2 | 163.1 | 144.7 | 123.3 | 194.8 | 315.8 | 322.4 | 108.2 | 267.0 | 417.8 | 90.5 | 178.3 | 129.0 | 457.4 | 197.2 | 172.7 | 236.2 |
| Octcber | 186.4 | 131.4 | 149.3 | 135.0 | 121.5 | 174.3 | 255.4 | 248.8 | 92.6 | 244.0 | 348.0 | 84.8 | 155.8 | 102.4 | 351.7 | 172.7 | 151.8 | 206.2 |
| November | 154.7 | 117.9 | 130.9 | 128.3 | 114.8 | 141.1 | 209.4 | 212.9 | 77.4 | 206.1 | 296.4 | 79.2 | 138.9 | 88.0 | 267.6 | 129.5 | 125.9 | 141.4 |
| December | 156.5 | 117.4 | 131.6 | 122.6 | 114.4 | 148.5 | 210.0 | 231.6 | 76.0 | 196.8 | 296.1 | 79.4 | 139.8 | 93.8 | 266.2 | 137.9 | 137.6 | 146.6 |

INDEX ITMBER OF SEVENTERN MINING STOCKS
$1926=100$


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WEEKLY AVERAGE PRICES OE 17 IIINING STOCKS
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October to December, 1929.


## TINX MUABAS OF INTRRST BAMS IN CAMDA

(1926-100)
The index number of Interest Rates calculated from the yields of the most povular intario Bunds on the besis 1926-100 moved dommard in Decumber being 102. 3 as compared with 103.3 in Novercer. The index is based on informaticn received frcm Masses. We un, Gunlv and cicmpuny limitcd, showing the yleld on these bonds to be on 4. $90 \%$ brsis toz Decembur.

Inciex insijurs of Inturest Rates in Canada Calculated From Jiclds of Ontario Bonôs, 1900-1929.

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WONTEII INDRXS OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES
Issued by the Standard Statistics Company Inc. of New York
$1926=100$

|  | Total <br> 406 Stocks | Industrials <br> 339 Stocks | Railroads <br> 33 Stocks | Utilities 34 Stocks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1926 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 101.8 | 102.2 | 98.6 | 103.2 |
| February | 101.8 | 102.4 | 97.1 | 103.2 |
| March | 95.8 | 96.3 | 94.7 | 94.9 |
| April | 92.9 | 92.6 | 93.6 | 93.3 |
| May | 93.2 | 92.6 | 94.7 | 94.3 |
| June | 97.2 | 96.9 | 98.4 | 97.7 |
| July | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.2 | 100.2 |
| August | 102.9 | 103.1 | 103.1 | 102.0 |
| September | 104.3 | 104.2 | 105.9 | 103.1 |
| October | 101.6 | 101.5 | 102.7 | 100.9 |
| Novermber | 103.1 | 102.9 | 104.2 | 103.1 |
| December | 105.4 | 105.4 | 105.4 | 104.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 105.6 | 105.6 | 107.1 | 104.4 |
| February | 107.9 | 107.5 | 111.6 | 105.3 |
| March | 109.1 | 108.6 | 112.2 | 107.3 |
| April | 111.1 | 110.0 | 115.7 | 110.5 |
| May | 114.2 | 113.1 | 118.1 | 114.2 |
| June | 115.4 | 114.4 | 119.2 | 115.6 |
| July | 117.2 | 115.7 | 120.7 | 114.9 |
| Augrust | 122.0 | 112.3 | 123.1 | 118.5 |
| September | 127.7 | 128.9 | 125.2 | 124.1 |
| October | 126.7 | 127.5 131.3 | 124.3 | 125.6 |
| November | 129.0 133.1 | 131.3 | 126.8 | 127.2 |
| 1928 (1304 120.5 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 134.4 | 137.4 | 125.3 | 129.5 |
| February | 132.3 | 134.8 | 121.6 | 130.9 |
| Warch | 137.9 | 141.1 | 125.9 | 134.4 |
| April | 145.9 | 149.5 | 130.7 | 142.5 |
| May | 152.1 | 154.9 | 133.2 | 155.3 |
| June | 145.3 | 148.2 | 126.7 | 148.1 |
| July | 14.2 | 147.8 | 124.6 | 145.3 |
| August | 148.3 | 152.6 | 126.5 | 147.9 |
| Soptember | 156.6 | 162.2 | 129.6 | 155.8 |
| October | 159.1 | 166.2 | 128.2 | 154.5 168.6 |
| November | 171.1 | 178.9 178.4 | 134.9 134.9 | 168.0 173.4 |
| December | 171.4 | 178.4 | 134.9 | 173.4 |
| 1929 |  |  |  |  |
| january | 185.2 | 192.5 | 141.8 | 192.7 |
| February | 186.5 | 192.3 | 141.6 | 202.4 |
| March | 189.1 | 196.0 | 140.4 | 203.7 |
| April | 186.6 | 193.4 | 138.3 | 201.4 |
| Mey | 187.7 | 192.6 | 138.7 | 212.3 |
| June | 190.7 | 191.0 | 144.8 | 233.0 272.8 |
| July | 207.2 | 202.7 210.3 | 100.0 105.4 | 272.8 304.3 |
| August | 218.1 | 210.3 | 105.4 | 304.3 321.0 |
| October | 201.7 | 194.4 | 157.0 | 276.6 |
| November | 151.1 | 144.8 | 135.1 | 194.4 |
| December | 153.8 | 146.9 | 136.6 | 200.9 |

## TORID PRICH HOVBMENTS, NOVEMERR, 1929.

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All of the fourteen indexes listed below show a decline between October and November, ranging from $0.7 \%$ for the index of Norway to $2.3 \%$ for the Japanese index published by the Bank of Japan. The fact that the rate of declime in Japan is greater than in any of the other countries noted, would appear to be of some significance in View of the proposed return of Japan to the gold standard in January 1930. One of the reasons for the general recession of wholesale price levels appeared to lie in the reduction of agricultural product values. The indexes in many cases were affected, however, by lower prices for textiles, minerals, especially non-ferrous metals, and rubber.

Another point of interest to be noted from the table of indexes is that in only one case, that of Canada, is the November 1929 level of prices shown to be above that for November 1928.

The November number of 596 for the French index published by the Statistique Generale marks the first occasion on which a figure of lesa than 500 has been recorded since October 1925. The price of French domestic products continued to remain very firm, but the prices of imported products moved to lower levels.

Comparative Wholesale Prices Data for November 1929, October 1929, and November 1928.

| Country | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov, } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & \text { 1929 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ | Tov. 1929 t or - \% Compared with |  | Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| United Kingdom | 134.0 | 136.1 | 137.9 | - 1.5 | $-2.8$ | Board of Trade, 1913=100 |
| France | 596 | 602 | 639 | - 1.0 | -6.7 | Statistique Generale, July $1914=100$ |
| Germany | 135.5 | 137.2 | 140.3 | - 1.2 | $-3.4$ | Federal Statistical Office, $1913=100$ |
| Wetherlands | 137 | 140 | 148 | - 2.1 | - 7.4 | Central Bureau of Statistics, 1913=100 |
| Italy | 431 | 436 | 466 | - 1.1 | $-7.5$ | Bachi, 1913=100 |
| Norway | 146 | 147 | 150 | -0.7 | $-2.7$ | Okonomisk Review, Jan.-June 1914=100 |
| Sweden | 135 | 138 | 145 | - 2.2 | - 6.9 | Commerce Dept. , 1913=100 |
| Denmark | 147 | 149 | 151 | $-1.3$ | - 2.6 | Official, 1913=100 |
| Estonia | 111 | 113 | 118 | $-1.8$ | - 5.9 | Official, $1913=100$ |
| Austria | 125 | 127 | 128 | - 1.6 | -2.3 | Federal Statistical Office, Jan.-July, 1914=100 |
| Switzerland | 140.0 | 142.0 | 145.2 | - 1.4 | $-3.6$ | Official, July $1914=100$ |
| Canada | 95.8 | 96.7 | 94.9 | -0.9 | $+0.9$ | Dominion Bureau of Statistics, 1926=100 |
| United States | 92.7 | 94.4 | 97.5 | - 1.8 | - 4.9 | Irving Fisher, 1926=100 |
| Japan | 159.6 | 163.4 | 173.1 | $-2.3$ | $-7.8$ | Bank of Japan,October $1899=100$ |


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## TORTD PRICE MOVEMENTS, NOVEIGER 1929

## COST OF IIVING

There were no broad tendencies observalein index numbers of living costs for November, but it was interesting to note that whereas November wholesale indexes when compared with those of a year ago, were generally lower, cost of living indexes for November 1929 were on the contrary mostly higher than those of November 1928.

The Kinistry of Labour index for the United Kingdom showed no variation for November either in the general index or for any of the group indexes.

The German cost of living index moved one half point lower due to declines in the food and clothing groups. Rent and miseellaneous items were higher than for October.

The slight recession in the National Industrial Conference Board Index for the United States was the result of lower quotations within the food, housing, and clothing groups.

Comparative Cost of Living Data for November 1929, October 1929, and November 1928.

| Country | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 1928 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } 1929+\text { or } \\ & \text { cormpared with } \end{aligned}$ |  | Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | oct. <br> 1929 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| United Zingdom | 167 | 167 | 168 | unchangea | - 0.6 | Jinistry of Labour, July 1914-100 |
| France | 125 | 124 | 119 | $+0.8$ | $+5.0$ | 13 Articles,11 Foods, Paris, July 1914=100 |
| Germany | 153.0 | 153.5 | 152.3 | $-0.3$ | $+0.5$ | Cost of Living, 71 Towns, 1913-1914=100 |
| Italy | 149 | 149 | 146 | unchanged | +2.1 | Cost of Living, Milan, Jan.-June 30, 1914=100 |
| Switzerland | 162 | 163 | 162 | -0.6 | un- <br> changed | Cost of Living,Official, June 1914=100 |
| Austria | 113 | 113 | 109 | unchanged | $+3.7$ | Cost of Living, Vienna, July 1914=100 |
| Norway | 180 | 180 | 184 | unchanged | - 2.2 | Cost of Living,July $1914=100$ |
| Finland | 160 | 161 | 165 | -0.6 | $-3.0$ | Cost of Living, 21 Towns, Jan.-June 1914=100 |
| Poland | 124.8 | 123.7 | $125.2$ | $+0.9$ | $-0.3$ | Cost of Living, सarsaw, Jan. 1914=100 |
| Canada | 101.5 | 101.1 | 99.7 | $+0.4$ | $+1.8$ | Dominion Bureau of Statistics, $1926=100$ |
| United States | 163.0 | 163.4 | 162.6 | $-0.2$ | $+0.2$ | National Industrial Conference Board, July 1914-100 |
| Japan | 177 | 180 | 187 | $-1.7$ | $-5.3$ | Retail prices, Tokyo, July $1914=100$ |


| Authority | General Index |  | Consumers' Goods) | SProducers' Goods | Raw or partly <br> hifd.Goods | Fully or Chiefly iufd. Goods |  | Fisher | Bureau of <br> Labour <br> Statistics | Brads | reet |  |  | Annalist |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Commodities | 502 | 236 | 204 | 351. | 232 | 276 |  |  | 550 |  |  |  |  | 72 Series |
| $\mathrm{B}_{\underline{3} \mathrm{se}}$ | 1926 | 1913 | 1926 | 1926 | 1926 | 1926 | 1913 | 1926 | 1926 | 1913 |  |  |  | 1913 |
| 1913 | 64.0 | 100 | 61.9 | 67.4 |  |  | 100 | $66.2 x$ | 69.8 | 9.2115 | 100 | 120.887 | 100 | 100 |
| 1914 | 65.5 | 102.3 | 62.7 | 69.7 | 61.6 | 67.4 |  | 65.0 | 68.1 | 8.9034 | 97 | 122.211 | 101 |  |
| 1915 | 70.4 | 109.9 | 65.6 | 77.0 | 68.4 | 71.8 |  | 66.8 | 69.5 | 9.8530 | 107 | $126.393$ | 104 |  |
| 1916 | 84.3 | 131.6 | 74.7 | 88.1 | 83.3 | 87.1 |  | 84.0 | 85.5 | 11.8237 | 128 | 148.807 | 122 |  |
| 1917 | 114.3 | 178.5 | 95.4 | 119.6 | 99.4 | 213.7 |  | 117.4 | 117.5 | 15.6385 | 270 | 204.123 | 169 |  |
| 1918 | $127.4$ | 199.0 | 107.4 | 131.5 | 103.8 | 123.2 |  | 128.7 | 131.3 | 18.7117 | 203 | 229.220 | 190 |  |
| 1919 | 133.9 | 209.2 | 118.7 | 139.0 | 105.3 | $121 . ?$ |  | 136.7 | 138.6 | 18.6642 | 203 | 230.846 | 190 |  |
| 1920 | 155.9 | 243.5 | 140.0 | 163.1 | 125.2 | 142.6 |  | 149.8 | 154.4 | 18.8095 | 204 | 248.721 | 205 |  |
| 1921 | 110.0 | 171.8 | 108.0 | 112.8 | 111.5 | 123.3 |  | 97.3 | 97.6 | 11.3696 | 123 | 170.451 | 141 |  |
| 1922 | 97.3 | 152.0 | 95.1 | 99.1 | 103.4 | 108.8 |  | 98.6 | 96.7 | 12.1185 | 132 | 171.660 | 144 |  |
| 1923 | 98.0 | 153.0 | 93.7 | 97.8 | 105.5 | 107.4 | 158 | 101.1 | 100.6 | 13.4028 | 146 | 189.787 | 157 |  |
| 1924 | 99.4 | 255.2 | 93.2 | 99.5 | 101.7 | 107.0 | 149 | 98.9 | 98.1 | 12.8672 | 139 | 189.322 | 157 |  |
| 1925 | 102.6 | 160.3 | 97.2 | 104.9 | 101.8 | 101.6 | 159 | 105.2 | 103.5 | 13.9445 | 15.1 | 197.694 | 164 |  |
| 192\% | 1100.0 | 156.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 151 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 13.0207 | 141 | 189.398 | 157 |  |
| 1927 | 97.6 | 152.5 | 95.9 | 98.5 | 100.0 | 96.6 | 142 | 94.2 | 95.4 | 12.7787 | 139 | $187.092$ | 155 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1928 \\ & 1928 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 96.4 | 150.6 | 95.7 | 96.6 | 97.5 | 95.0 | 149 | 98.2 | 97.7 | $13.2823$ <br> (a) | $\begin{aligned} & 144 \\ & (\Sigma 2) \end{aligned}$ | $194.521$ <br> (a) | 161 |  |
| December $1929$ | 94.5 | 147.6 | 94.6 | 93.3 | 93.8 | 93.8 | 147 | 97.0 | 96.7 | 13.1479 | 143 | 193.543 | 160 | 147.5 |
| Janwary | 94.5 | 147.6 | 94.2 | 91.7 | 94.2 | 93.5 | 147 | 97.4 | 97.2 | 12.9651 | 141 | 192.3-5 | 159 | 147.0 |
| Febrwary | 95.7 | 149.5 | 94.4 | 93.5 | 96.5 | 93.0 | 148 | 97.7 | 96.7 | 12.9828 | 141 | 194.165 | 161 | $146.7$ |
| March | 96.1 | 150.1 | 94.7 | 93.9 | 97.0 | 93.0 | 149 | 98.3 | 97.5 | $13.0004$ | $141$ | $194.247$ | 161 | $146.5$ |
| April <br> inay | 94.1 | 147.0 | 93.6 | 92.9 | 94.7 | 92.3 | 147 | 97.1 | 96.8 95.8 | 12.8691 12.6765 | 139 | $\begin{aligned} & 191.596 \\ & 189.036 \end{aligned}$ | 158 156 | $\begin{aligned} & 145.3 \\ & 143.1 \end{aligned}$ |
| June | 92.6 | 144.6 | 93.4 | 93.3 | 93.2 | 91.1 | 147 | 97.0 | 96.4 | 12.4562 | 135 | 185.856 | 154 | 144.7 |
| July | 96.0 | 150.0 | 94.4 | 100.6 | 101.2 | 93.1 | 149 | 98.6 | 98.0 | 12.4853 | 136 | 188.698 | 156 | 149.1 |
| August | 98.1 | 153.2 | 95.9 | 100.3 | 101.7 | 94.8 | 147 |  |  |  |  |  | 159 |  |
| Septeraver | 97.3 | 152.0 | 95.6 | 99.0 | 101.4 | 94.2 | 145 | $\begin{aligned} & 91.3 \\ & 96.0 \end{aligned}$ | 97.5 | 12.6655 | 137 | $192.004$ | 159 | $147.6$ |
| Octcber | 96.7 | 151.0 | 95.6 | 97.3 | 100.3 | 93.9. | 143 | 94.4 | 95.6 | 12.7030 | 138 | 192.204 | 159 | 145.5 |
| Nov ember | 95.8 | 149.7 | 95.1 | 95.5 | 97.2 | 93.3 |  | 92.7 |  | 12.4008 | 135 | 191.179 | 158 | 141.8 |
| December | 96.2 | 150.2 | 95.4 | 96.1 | 98.5 | 93.5 |  | 92.8 |  | 12.2367 | 133 | 188.969 | 156 | 141.3 |

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$\frac{134.0}{\text { November }}$ (a) Converted to 1913 tase. (c) New Series. (x) $000,000,000^{\prime}$ s omitted. (d) End of Montr.e (e) Index discontinued as from January, 1929.


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| Number of Comncdities | $47 x$ | 11 | 130 | 48 | 100 | 95 | 47 | 160 | 118 | 23 | 74 |
| Base <br> Feriod | surtuary - <br> Jul 3.1914 | Ju1y, | April 1914 | 1913 | Dec. $31 / 13-$ June $30 / 14$ | 1913 | Tuly $1 / 13$ <br> June $30 / 14$ | 1913 | 1913 | 1927 | 1913 |
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| 1913 |  |  |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |  | 100 |
| 1914 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 109 | 115 |  | 116 |  |  |  | 101 |
| 1915 |  |  |  | 146 | 159 |  | 145 |  |  |  | 119 |
| 1916 |  |  |  | 226 | 233 |  | 185 |  |  |  | 141 |
| 1917 |  |  |  | 276 | 341 |  | 244 |  |  |  | 166 |
| 1918 |  |  |  | 376 | 345 |  | 339 |  |  |  | 207 |
| 1919 |  |  |  | 304 | 322 |  | 330 |  |  |  | 204 |
| 1920 |  |  |  | 292 | 382 |  | 347 | 359 |  |  | 221 |
| 1921 | (a) | 191.2 | 366 (b) | 182 | 298 |  | 211 | 222 |  |  | 190 |
| 1922 | 99 | 167.5 | 367 | 160 | 233 |  | 162 | 173 |  |  | 176 |
| 1923 | 124 | 180.6 | 497 | 151 | 232 | 232 | 157 | 163 |  |  | 172 |
| 1924 | 136 | 174.6 | 573 | 156 | 269 | 268 | 155 | 162 |  |  | 183 N |
| 1925 | 136 | 161.6 | 558 | 155 | 251 | 253 | 157 | 161 | 210 |  | 188 |
| 1926 | 123 | 144.5 | 744 | 145 | 196 | 198 | 144 | 149 | 163 |  | 181 |
| 1927 | 133 | 142.2 | 847 | 148 | 160 | 167 | 141 | 146 | 153 | 100 | 173 |
| 1928 | 130 | 144.6 | 843 | 149 | 155 | 161 | 144 | 148 | 153 | 104 | 167 |
| 1928 | (d) | (e) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Novomber | 128 | 145.2 | 837 | 148 | 150 | 157 | 138 | 145 | 151 | 105 | 176 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { December } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | 127 | 143.9 | 855 | 148 | 150 | 157 | 139 | 145 | 151 | 104 | 175 |
| Jinuary | 128 | 142.5 | 867 | 146 | 149 | 154 | 138 | 144 | 151 | 104 | 171 |
| Fehruary | 130 | 142.9 | 865 | 146 | 150 | 155 | 139 | 145 | 159 | 103 | 173 |
| March | 133 | 141.8 | 869 | 147 | 150 | 155 | 138 | 144 | 154 | 103 | 174 |
| April | 134 | 140.1 | 862 | 144 | 148 | 154 | 136 | 141 | 150 | 102 | 174 |
| May | 135 | 139.3 | 857 | 142 | 146 | 152 | 133 | 140 | 148 | 101 | 171 170 |
| June | 134 | 139.4 | 848 | 141 | 147 | 151 | 132 | 140 | 149 | 99 | 169 |
| July | 132 | 142.8 | 858 850 | 141 | 149 | 154 | 133 | 141 | 150 | 98 | 170 |
| September | 128 | 142.2 | 846 | 141 | 148 | 154 | 132 | 140 | 150 | - | 171 |
| Cotober | 127 | 142.0 | 838 | 140 | 147 | 154 | 132 | 138 | 149 |  | 172 |
|  | 125 |  |  | 137 | 146 |  | 130 |  | 147 |  |  |


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| 1913 |  |  | 100 | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1914 July | 100 | 100 |  |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | $100$ | 100 | 100 |
| $1915 \mathrm{\prime} \mathrm{\prime}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 131 130 | $\begin{aligned} & 112 \\ & 119 \end{aligned}$ |  | 118 |
| $1916{ }^{\prime \prime}$ |  |  |  |  | （e） 251 |  |  |  |  | 130 | 119 | 122 | 118 |
| 1918 ＂ |  |  |  |  | （e） 588 |  |  |  |  |  | 139 | 131 | 184 |
| 1919 ＂ | 1.234 | 1.124 |  |  | （8） 964 |  |  |  |  | 147 | 144 | 145 | 201 |
| 1920 ＂ | 1.858 | 1.610 |  |  | 931 | 1.013 | 11.173 |  |  | 187 | 167 | 179 | 237 |
| 1921 ＂ | 1.919 | 1.702 |  |  | 1.214 | 1.323 | 25.709 | 45.655 | 1.305 | 165 | 164 | 162 | 189 |
| 1922 ＂ | 2.619 | 2.257 |  |  | 1.142 | 1.144 | 51.7 | 74.7 | 1.633 | 146 | 144 | 135 | 167 |
| 1923 ＂ | 2.477 | 2.335 |  |  | 1.111 | 1.002 | 63.2 | 71.4 | 2.400 | 162 | 142 | 131 | 161 |
| 1924 ＂ | 2.833 | 2.650 | （c） 116 | 145 | 1.154 | 1.052 | 127.2 | 189.1 | 2.660 | 149 | 148 | 133 | 158 |
| $1925{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 3.014 | 2.951 | 112 | 132 | 1.218 | 1.145 | 145.6 | 173.9 | 3.180 | 155 | 151 | 133 | 163 |
| 1926 ＂ | 2.886 | 2.760 | 103 | 115 | 154 | 144 | 178.1 | 207.0 | 3.340 | 162 | 149 | 131 | 159 ， |
| 1927 ＂ | 2.788 | 2.692 | 110 | 126 | 157 | 144 | $155.3(\mathrm{~g})$ | 143.1 | 3.900 | 153 | 144 | 131 | $151 \sim$ |
| 1928 ＂ | 2.911 | 2.819 | 118 | 131 | 161 | 151 | 122.6 | 144.1 | 4.086 | 154 | 147 | 131 | 151 ＇ |
| November | 105.8 | （m）05．7 | 118 | 127 | 165 | 156 | 125.2 | 148.0 | 4.230 | 150 | 150 |  |  |
| December | 105.4 | 105.2 | 118 | 126 | 164 | 155 | 125.0 | 147.3 | 4.237 | 152 | 152 | 131 | 154 |
| 1229 |  |  |  |  |  | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tanuary | 105.6 | 105.5 | 118 | 125 | 162 | 151 | 124.5 | 145.7 | 4.240 | 161 | 149 | 131 | 152 |
| February | 108.4 | 108.2 | 121 | 130 | 161 | 149 | 127.7 | 153.0 | 4.249 | 161 | 148 | 131 | 153 |
| March | 109.4 | 109.5 | 121 | 132 | 160 | 148 | 124.6 | 146.0 | 4.251 | 159 | 146 | 132 | 152 |
| April | 110.1 | 110.5 | 121 | 131 | 159 | 146 | 125.1 | 144.0 | 4.250 | 162 | 147 | 132 | 150 |
| Niay | 111.6 | 112.4 | 122 | 134 | 158 | 144 | 125.1 | 143.8 | 4.250 | 159 | 147 | 132 | 151 |
| June | 111.8 | 112.7 | 120 | 129 | 159 | 144 | 123.2 | 138.6 | 4.240 | 161 | 147 | 132 | 149 |
| July | 112：6 | 113.6 | 119 | 127 | 160 | 146 | 123.4 | 139.2 | 4.240 | 160 | 146 | 131 | 150 |
| August | 107.3 | 108.0 | 117 | 124 | 161 | 148 | 122.6 | 137.3 | 4.240 | 162 | 146 | 137 | 150 |
| September |  |  | 113 | 116 | 161 | 147 | 122.8 | 137.5 | 4.240 | 163 | 147 | 131 | 150 |
| October |  |  | 113 | 114 | 161 | 149 | 123.7 | 139.3 |  |  |  | 130 |  |
| November |  |  |  |  | 160 | 147 | 124.8 | 14.2 |  |  |  |  |  |


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