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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

APRIL, 1929

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 fell two points in April being 94.1 as compared with 96.1 in March. 109 price quotations were lower, 46 were higher and 347 were unchanged. Of the eight main groups, six were lower, while two registered only slight advances.

Vegetables and Vegetable Products declined from 88.9 to 86.9, lower prices for grains, flour and other milled products, bananas, lemons, vegetable oils, rubber, cocoa beans, potatoes and naval stores more than offsetting higher prices for tea, coffee, oranges, dried fruits and hay. Animals and their Products fell from 109.8 to 108.6, declines in milk, eggs and fish more than offsetting advances in livestock, meats, furs, hides and lard. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products declined from 92.8 to 92.4 due to slightly lower levels for raw cotton, raw wool, raw silk and jute. Wood, Wood Products and Paper fell from 94.8 to 94.6 due mainly to slight declines in some lines of British Columbia cedar. Non-Ferrous Metals, with general declines in the basic metals, fell from 101.5 to 98.7. Non-Metallic Minerals and their Products declined from 93.0 to 92.4, lower levels for coal and gasoline more than offsetting advances in glass, crushed stone, sand and gravel. Iron and its Products, chiefly because of firmer prices for pig iron and steel sheets, rose from 93.4 to 93.6. Chemicals and Allied Products advanced from 94.5 to 94.9 due mainly to advances in white lead, litharge and cream of tartar.

Consumers' Goods fell from 94.7 to 93.7, lower levels for flour and other milled products, fish, lemons, bananas, potatoes, eggs, coal and gasoline more than offsetting higher levels for meats and poultry, tea, coffee, oranges and lard.

Producers' Goods declined from 93.9 to 92.9. Building and Construction Materials fell from 100.2 to 99.8 due to declines in paint materials and in B.C. cedar. Manufacturers' Materials fell from 92.5 to 91.2. Materials for the milling, textile and clothing and metal working industries were lower while those for the meat packing, fur and leather industries advanced in price.

RESUME OF IMPORTANT PRICE CHANGES: Grain prices sagged to new low levels during April. No.1 Manitoba Northern cash wheat, Fort William and Port Arthur basis averaged $1.227 per bushel as compared with $1.269 in March, the high price for the month being $1.26 3/8 on the 13th and the low $1.19¾ on the 22nd, 23rd and 29th. The favourable progress of the winter wheat crop, improved seeding conditions in both Canadian and American Northwests, better crop news from Europe, with, on the other hand, quiet foreign demand, relatively large stocks yet remaining in North America, continued large shipments of Argentine wheat unsold and reports of the accumulation of wheat at Argentine shipping points, were weakening factors. The unsettled condition of American markets and disappointment over the proposed agricultural legislation at Washington contributed to the growth of bearish sentiment.

Coarse grains followed the wheat trend. Barley No.3 C.W. at Winnipeg fell from 74.8¢ to 71.6¢ per bushel, No.2 C.W. oats from 64.2¢ to 57.7¢, No.2 C.W. rye from $1.09 to 99.8¢ and flax No.1 N.W.C. from $2.07½ to $2.02. Corn in spite of good demand from Europe and a developing demand in the Orient with supplies running short in the United States, followed the general trend. American yellow No.2 corn at Toronto averaged $1.03¾ as compared with $1.09½.

Milled products reflected the decline in the raw grain market. No.1 patent Manitoba flour at Toronto declined from $7.60 to $7.36 per 2-98's jute bags. Oatmeal fell from $4.24 to $4.13 per bag and rolled oats from $3.85 to $3.75. Millfeeds reflected easier grain prices and the fact that farmers are using up their large stocks of potatoes and turnips as feed. Manitoba bran declined from $33.62 to $30.16 per ton ex track Montreal and shorts from $35.09 to $30.16.

Oranges were higher in price, due chiefly to the exhaustion of supplies of the cheap small sizes which recently dominated the market. The average price of sizes predominant on the market rose from $4.34 to $4.94 per case at Toronto. Bananas declined from 6¢ - 6½¢ to 5¢ - 5½¢ per pound at Toronto and from $1.50 to $1.25 - $1.50 per bunch of 7 hands at Montreal.

Potato markets continued quiet with a further weakening of prices in some localities. With large quantities coming on the market, Manitoba potatoes at Winnipeg declined from $1.35 to $1.23 per cwt. An easier trend, too, prevailed in the Maritimes where the supplies of old crop potatoes still held are very large. Nova Scotia potatoes at Halifax fell from 90¢ to 65¢ per bag and Canada A potatoes at St.John from 78¢ to 68¾¢ per cwt.

Coffee prices were firmer, Brazilian control being favoured by the prospective small crop. Green Santos, good coffee at Toronto rose from 29½¢ to 30¢ and green Jamaica from 26¢ to 27½¢. Good quality tea continued strong, Pekoe Ceylon and India advancing from 51¢ to 52¢ at Toronto.

Rubber prices declined, Ceylon ribbed smoked sheets falling from 24.4¢ to 21.2¢ at New York and upriver fine Para from 24.8¢ to 21.6¢. The market situation is likely to continue confused until the final effects of the removal of restrictions on Malayan exports have become clear.

Naval stores were weaker, the unusually warm spring in the south having resulted in heavier supplies than usual at this time of the year while demand has been comparatively light. Turpentine in 10 bbl. lots ex store Montreal, declined from 90 1/3¢ to 85¾¢ per gal. Rosin W.W. fell from $12.25 to $11.90 per bbl. With improving demand, a firmer tendency was apparent at the end of the month.

Linseed oil reflected easier flax prices, declining from 84¢ to 80¢ per gallon (5-9 bbl. lots) at Montreal.

Good demand prevailed for good quality hay No.2-good No.2 at Toronto advancing from $14.00-$15.50 to $15.00-$16.50.

Live stock markets continued firm during April. A good export outlet to the United States and strengthening domestic demand resulted in firmer cattle prices. The monthly average price of good steers 1000 - 1200 lbs. rose from $9.40 to $10.18 and at Winnipeg from $8.62 to $9.56. Calves, under heavier runs, suffered a seasonal drop, further declines being prevented by the strong export demand. Good veal calves at Toronto declined from $15.97 to $14.68 and at Winnipeg from $12.48 to $12.02. The hog market with continued short runs was firm. High British bacon prices and the condition of the new hog crop were additional bullish factors. Thick smooth hogs at Toronto rose from $11.79 to $12.73, at Winnipeg from $10.97 to $11.82 and at Montreal from $12.54 to $13.37. Sheep and lamb supplies were small and all markets quiet. Good handy weights, at Toronto, were $15.14 as compared with $15.19 in March and at Montreal $10.65 as compared with $10.60.

Meats followed the livestock trend. Good steer beef at Winnipeg advanced from 18¢ to 18½¢ per lb. and at Vancouver from 18½¢ to 19½¢. Shop hogs rose from 17½¢ to 19½¢ per lb. at Toronto, from 19¢ to 21¢ at Montreal and from 19¢ to 20¢ at Winnipeg. Smoked standard, light ham advanced from 27¢ to 29¢ at Toronto and from 29¢ to 30¢ at Winnipeg. Fowl prices continued their upward trend, the available supplies being extremely light and insufficient for the demand. Dressed fowl 4-5 lbs. advanced from 27¢ to 28¢ per lb. at Toronto.

Butter prices held fairly firm with an easier tendency apparent towards the end of the month, due to increasing supplies of fresh mode. Lard reflected the firmness in hogs advancing from 15½¢ to 16¢ at Toronto and from 15¢ to 16½¢ at Winnipeg.

Egg prices with the natural seasonal increase in receipts showed substantial declines. Fresh extras fell from 45.3¢ to 34.3¢ per dozen at Montreal, from 41.5¢ to 32¢ at Toronto, from 42.5¢ to 31.4¢ at Winnipeg, from 47.8¢ to 32.5¢ at Saskatoon, from 32¢ to 27¢ at Vancouver and from 46.3¢ to 35.2¢ at Halifax. A somewhat firmer undertone was evident in the latter part of the month owing to the general storing development and the extremely heavy consumptive demand, eggs being a cheap food as compared with meats.

Several lines of fish were reduced. Fresh haddock declined from 6¢ to 5¢ per lb., smoked fillets from 14¢ to 12¢ and smoked finnan haddie from 9¢ to 8¢.

Higher prices prevailed for most lines of furs at the March auction sales. Ontario spring muskrat averaged $1.98 - $2.05 as compared with $1.90 to $1.95 in January, beaver I and II extra large and large $32.20 as compared with $30.85 and silver fox ¼ to 2/3 black $104.58 as compared with $99.23.

Cotton prices exhibited an almost steady downward trend. Upland middling spot at New York averaged 20.3¢ per lb. as compared with 21.2¢ in March while middling 1-1 1/16" at Hamilton declined from 22¢ to 21.1¢. Sentiment was prevailingly bearish due mainly to improved weather and crop conditions. The downward reaction was accelerated, however, by weakness in stock markets and by disappointment over the farm relief legislation at Washington. Such bullish factors as the late season, prospective large world requirements, bullish estimates of the probable carryover and the rise in the cotton goods trade were ignored and for the time being the weather was the central point of interest.

Raw silk prices fluctuated within narrow limits but tended easier under the influence of between season conditions with supplies ample for the hand to mouth buying prevailing. Grand double extra fell from $5.65 to $5.55 per lb. at New York, crack double extra from $5.35 to $5.20 and extra from $5.10 to $5.00.

Wool continued its downward trend, raw wool, eastern domestic, bright, ½ blood declining from 32¢ - 33¢ to 30¢ per lb. at Toronto and western wool, range from 30¢ - 32¢ to 28¢ - 30¢.

Raw jute, first marks, fell from $9.54 to $9.05 per cwt. f.o.b. Montreal. New crop reports are favourable and the demand for manufactured goods is not brisk.

The pig iron market was firmer reflecting good demand and following advances in the United States. Pig iron stocks are reported as the lowest since 1923. Two advances of 50¢ each have gone into effect since the last report, No.1 foundry rising from $23.10 to $24.10 per ton f.o.b. sellers works, standard malleable from $21.00 to $22.00 and basic from $20.00 to $21.00. Firmness prevailed in the sheet metal market with spring business good. Black steel sheets #10 U.S.G. rose from $2.87 to $2.97 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. Montreal.

Non-ferrous metal markets were weak. Copper, reacting after its recent meteoric climb caused, to some extent, by panicky buying, broke sharply, most of the other metal followed suit and more or less demoralized markets prevailed. The reparations crisis and the rise in the German discount rate were additional disquieting factors. Electrolytic domestic copper averaged $21.60 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. Montreal as compared with $22.90 in March. Copper products followed successive copper declines. Copper sheet fell from 32¼¢ to 28½¢ per lb. base, f.o.b. Montreal and solid bare copper wire from 25¼¢ to 24¾¢. Brass sheet (yellow, high) at Toronto declined from 26 3/8¢ to 25¢. Tin ingots, Straits, fell from 51¢ to 47¼¢ the lowest point in five years. Domestic lead averaged $7.08 as compared with $7.17½ last month. Zinc was the brightest spot in the metal markets with good demand prevailing but it failed to hold against the general trend, prime western or G.O.B. grades declining from $7.37 to $7.23 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. Montreal. Solder was directly affected by the movement in tin, guaranteed 50/50 falling from 30¼¢ to 28½¢ at Toronto.

Seasonal declines in coal occurred. American anthracite egg fell from $13.52 to $12.92 per ton f.o.b. Toronto. Western domestic, standard, screened, lump coal fell from $4.25 to $4.00 at Drumheller and from $5.25 to $5.15 at Lethbridge.

Glass prices reflected the firm trend in the Belgian market. Window glass 16 oz. 40 U.I. rose from $4.47 to $4.69 1/3 and 21 oz. 60 U.I. from $8.28 to $8.69½.

Gasoline was further reduced in some localities. At Montreal, the tank wagon price fell from 20½¢ to 19½¢ and at Vancouver from 22¢ to 20¢.

Reflecting recent higher pig lead costs and, to some extent, increased demand with the progress of the painting season, white lead, basic carbonate, advanced from $10.68 to $11.50 per cwt. at Toronto. Litharge rose from 8¼¢ - 10¢ to 9¢ - 10¢ per lb. The majority of chemical prices, contrary to the usual trend with the advent of the summer season are firm, favoured by heavy production in automobile factories, iron and steel mills and good demand for glass and soap.

SUMMARY TABLES OF INDEX NUMBERS

	Price Series	1927	1928	Jan. 1929	Feb. 1929	March 1929	April 1929
Total Index 502 commodities	502	97.7	96.4	94.5	95.7	96.1	94.1
Index numbers of Commodities Classified According to Their Chief Component Material							
I Vegetable Products, (grain fruits, etc.)	124	98.3	93.0	87.3	90.1	88.9	86.9
II Animals and Their Products	74	101.9	108.5	106.5	108.2	109.8	108.6
III Fibres, Textiles and Their Products	60	93.7	94.3	93.2	93.2	92.8	92.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	44	98.5	98.7	93.6	93.9	94.8	94.6
V. Iron and Its Products	39	96.2	93.2	93.3	93.3	93.4	93.6
VI. Non-ferrous Metals and Their Products	15	91.1	89.9	93.6	95.7	101.5	98.7
VII. Non-metallic Minerals and Their Products	73	96.5	92.5	94.4	93.5	93.0	92.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.3	95.3	94.4	94.4	94.5	94.9
Index Numbers of Commodities Classified According to Purpose							
I. Consumers' Goods	204	95.9	95.7	94.2	94.4	94.7	93.7
Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	116	99.5	99.8	96.9	98.2	99.2	97.8
Other Consumers' Goods	88	93.5	92.9	92.4	91.9	91.7	91.0
II. Producers' Goods	351	98.5	96.6	91.7	93.5	93.9	92.9
Producers' Equipment	22	101.1	93.7	94.5	94.1	94.2	94.1
Producers' Materials	329	98.2	96.9	91.4	93.4	93.9	92.8
Building and Construction Materials	97	96.1	97.4	98.0	98.8	100.2	99.8
Manufacturers Materials	232	98.6	96.6	90.0	92.2	92.5	91.2

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

(Classified According to Chief Component Material)
1926 = 100

	Commodities	No. of Price Series	April 1928	Jan. 1929	Feb. 1929	Mar. 1929	Apr. 1929
	Total Index	502	98.3	94.5	95.7	96.1	94.1
1.	Vegetable Products	124	101.4	87.4	90.1	88.9	86.4
	Fruits	15	136.6	121.4	119.0	118.5	113.2
	Fresh, Domestic	3	196.8	166.3	166.5	175.8	172.9
	Fresh, Foreign	4	104.4	96.3	86.9	78.7	80.8
	Dried	5	91.6	84.0	84.0	84.3	84.6
	Canned	3	97.9	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1
	Grains	23	108.8	86.4	92.5	90.4	87.3
	Flour and Milled Products	9	103.9	89.3	92.6	92.9	88.3
	Bakery Products	2	100.2	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3
	Vegetable Oils	6	92.8	88.5	89.7	88.9	87.1
	Rubber and Its Products	6	77.6	69.9	70.0	65.2	65.1
	Sugar and Its Products & Glucose	5	102.4	90.3	90.3	88.3	88.3
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa & Spices	13	102.1	98.7	100.0	101.6	102.1
	Tobacco	8	68.3	68.3	68.3	68.3	68.3
	Vegetables	15	77.7	59.0	62.5	62.0	54.3
	Miscellaneous	22	87.2	95.5	94.5	94.0	94.4
11.	Animals and Their Products	74	104.3	106.5	108.2	109.8	108.6
	Fishery Products	16	95.1	107.0	106.8	101.0	99.1
	Furs	9	133.0	125.3	146.1	146.1	149.9
	Hides and Skins	5	199.2	139.9	116.1	112.9	115.6
	Leather, Unmanufactured	5	127.1	121.1	119.2	115.8	115.1
	Boots and Shoes	3	114.8	112.1	112.1	112.1	112.1
	Live Stock	4	120.1	118.9	114.9	119.4	123.2
	Meats & Poultry	10	96.1	102.6	104.6	106.7	108.8
	Milk & Its Products	12	108.1	110.2	110.3	111.5	110.8
	Fats	5	84.8	91.1	90.3	89.5	91.2
	Eggs	5	90.5	85.6	97.3	111.5	85.3
111.	Fibres, Textiles & Textile Products	60	93.5	93.2	93.2	92.8	92.4
	Cotton, raw	2	117.7	115.6	115.6	121.1	116.2
	Cotton, Yarn and Thread	2	97.8	100.2	100.2	102.1	102.1
	Cotton Fabrics	17	94.6	91.3	91.3	91.4	91.4
	Knit Goods	1	94.4	94.4	94.4	94.4	94.4
	Sash Cord	1	101.3	113.0	113.0	113.0	113.0
	Flax, Hemp & Jute Products	8	87.8	90.2	90.1	86.9	86.7
	Silk, raw	3	85.3	81.1	80.9	83.5	81.7
	" thread and yarn	2	82.0	82.0	82.0	82.0	82.0
	" hosiery	2	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6
	" fabrics	4	77.6	81.6	81.6	79.5	77.8
	Artificial Silk and Products	2	91.1	79.5	79.5	79.5	79.5
	Wool, raw	3	109.8	110.3	107.8	103.7	96.4
	" yarns	4	100.6	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2
	" hosiery and knit goods	2	103.7	112.9	112.9	112.9	112.9
	" blankets	1	100.0	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1
	" cloth	4	98.1	97.6	97.6	97.6	97.6
	Carpets	2	92.4	92.4	92.4	92.4	92.4

	Commodities	No. of Price Series	Apr. 1928	Jan. 1929	Feb. 1929	Mar. 1929	Apr. 1929
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	44	98.9	98.0	98.2	94.8	94.6
	Newsprint Paper	2	100.2	86.5	86.5	86.5	86.5
	Lumber and Timber	27	99.3	103.4	104.3	107.2	106.5
	Pulp	3	92.4	91.8	91.8	91.8	91.8
	Furniture	11	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Matches	1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
V.	Iron and Its Products	39	94.0	93.3	93.3	93.4	93.6
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	4	90.6	91.8	91.8	91.8	92.4
	Rolling Mill Products	10	97.1	96.0	96.0	96.0	96.2
	Pipe (Cast Iron & Steel)	2	89.7	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0
	Hardware	14	94.3	93.3	93.3	93.3	93.3
	Wire	3	87.3	89.3	89.3	89.3	89.3
	Scrap	5	89.6	82.3	82.3	84.6	84.6
	Miscellaneous	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	15	88.7	93.6	95.7	101.5	98.7
	Aluminium	1	80.8	88.7	88.7	88.7	88.7
	Antimony	1	58.5	57.6	56.7	52.6	53.2
	Brass, Copper and Products	5	100.7	117.5	125.5	143.8	134.8
	Lead and Its Products	2	72.5	78.3	80.1	87.2	86.3
	Nickel Ingots	1	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.5
	Silver	1	92.6	92.0	90.7	90.9	89.8
	Tin Ingots	1	81.8	77.3	77.7	76.2	70.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	81.7	82.6	82.7	83.5	81.9
	Solder	1	82.4	77.2	77.9	77.9	73.4
VII.	Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	73	93.5	94.4	93.5	93.0	92.4
	Bricks	8	103.4	103.1	103.5	102.9	102.9
	Pottery	2	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3
	Coal	11	96.5	96.1	96.0	95.9	94.4
	Coke	6	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Coal Tar	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Petroleum Products	6	84.3	87.5	84.7	85.1	84.6
	Salt	4	105.4	96.1	96.1	96.1	96.1
	Sulphur	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Plaster	3	105.9	105.9	105.9	105.9	105.9
	Lime	4	99.6	99.4	99.9	99.2	99.2
	Cement	1	97.7	99.7	99.7	98.9	98.9
	Sand and Gravel	8	100.2	101.7	104.3	104.3	105.9
	Crushed Stone	3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	103.6
	Building Stone	3	65.5	65.5	65.5	65.5	65.5
	Asbestos	6	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5
	Glass and Its Products	6	73.5	77.6	77.6	77.6	78.9
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	73	95.4	94.4	94.4	94.5	94.9
	Inorganic Chemicals	22	88.8	89.0	88.9	88.9	88.9
	Organic Chemicals	7	86.8	76.5	76.5	76.4	75.7
	Coal Tar Products	2	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7
	Dyeing & Tanning Materials	10	97.9	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.1
	Paint Materials	9	91.7	92.4	92.1	92.5	94.3
	Drugs & Pharmaceutical Chemicals	10	108.3	104.5	105.6	105.4	105.4
	Fertilizers	10	95.9	96.7	96.5	96.3	96.3
	Industrial Gases	2	100.0	97.1	97.1	97.1	97.1
	Soap	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

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

	No. of Price Series	Year 1928	April 1928	Feb. 1929	March 1929	April 1929
I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (GROUPS A & B)	204	95.7	95.9	94.4	94.7	93.7
A. Foods, Beverages & Tobacco	116	99.8	100.2	98.2	99.2	97.8
Beverages	8	97.5	98.3	98.9	100.8	102.1
Flour and Milled Products	5	89.2	96.5	87.2	87.9	85.3
Bakery Products	2	100.2	100.2	97.3	97.3	97.3
Fish	16	100.4	95.1	106.8	101.0	99.1
Fruits	15	131.7	136.6	119.0	118.5	118.2
Meats & Poultry	10	106.0	96.1	104.6	106.7	108.8
Milk and Milk Products	12	106.4	108.1	110.3	111.5	110.8
Sugar and Its Products	3	96.5	102.4	90.3	88.3	88.3
Vegetables	15	66.0	77.7	62.5	62.0	61.8
Eggs	5	108.5	104.3	97.3	111.5	85.3
Tobacco	8	70.7	70.7	68.3	68.3	68.3
Miscellaneous	17	95.1	89.9	90.8	89.9	91.3
B. Other Consumers' Goods	88	92.9	93.0	91.9	91.7	91.0
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	41	97.7	98.0	97.1	96.4	96.3
Household Equipment and Supplies	47	89.4	89.3	88.1	88.2	87.1
II. PRODUCERS GOODS (GROUPS C & D)	351	96.6	100.7	93.5	93.9	92.9
C. Producers' Equipment	22	93.7	95.7	94.1	94.2	94.1
Tools	3	95.7	96.7	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	93.4	95.5	93.8	93.9	93.8
Miscellaneous	2	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1
D. Producers' Materials	329	96.9	101.2	93.4	93.9	92.8
Building and Construction Materials	97	97.4	96.2	98.8	100.2	99.8
Lumber	27	102.3	100.1	104.3	107.2	106.5
Painters' Materials	11	86.2	87.3	86.8	87.0	86.3
Miscellaneous	59	95.4	94.6	96.5	96.7	96.7
Manufacturers' Materials	232	96.6	102.1	92.2	92.5	91.2
Textile and Clothing	47	93.2	93.1	91.9	91.5	90.9
Furs and Leather Goods	19	137.0	139.1	128.1	125.9	127.2
For Metal Working Industries	35	90.7	90.0	83.9	88.5	86.4
For Chemical Using Industries	44	91.5	91.6	90.0	89.9	89.8
For Meat Packing Industries	4	123.0	120.1	114.9	119.4	128.2
For Milling and Other Industries	23	93.8	108.8	92.5	90.4	87.3
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	60	94.8	98.2	88.2	88.3	86.9

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

		Aver. 1926	Apr. 1928	Feb. 1929	Mar. 1929	Apr. 1929
OATS, No.2 C.W. Ft.William & Pt.Arthur Basis	Bus.	.5483	.72073	.7314	.6423	.5768
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft. William & Pt.Arthur Basis	Bus.	1.4951	1.5651	1.2785	1.2695	1.2275
FLOUR, First Patent 2-98's jute Toronto		8.821	8.425	7.50	7.60	7.36
SUGAR, raw 96° Centrifugal New York	Cwt.	2.5469	2.6875	1.96875	1.9375	1.9375
SUGAR, granulated Montreal	Cwt.	5.9577	6.08	5.32	5.225	5.225
RUBBER, ribbed, smoked sheets New York	Lb.	.488	.1885	.2398	.2436	.2115
RUBBER, Para, upriver, fine New York	Lb.	.434	.19213	.26	.25215	.2205
CATTLE, Steers,good,1000-1200 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	7.33	10.05	9.27	9.40	10.18
HOGS, thick smooth Toronto	Cwt.	13.32	9.70	11.08	11.79	12.73
BEEF HIDES,packer hides,native steers Toronto	Lb.	.1347	.25-	.14-	.13-	.14-
SOLE LEATHER, Mfr's.green hide crops Toronto	Lb.	.3858	.26 .49	.15½ .49	.15 .47	.15½ .47
BOX SIDES B. Mill	Ft.	.2625	.36	.31	.30	.29
BUTTER, creamery, finest Montreal	Lb.	.39	.41	.439	.454	.456
CHEESE, Canadian, old large Montreal	Lb.	.2558	.27	.28	.28	.28
EGGS, Fresh Extras Montreal	Doz.	.465	.37375	.494	.453	.3425
COTTON, raw 1-1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.1942	.2243	.2078	.2201	.2109
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, mill	Lb.	.368	.345	.37	.39	.39
SAXONY, 4.50 yds. to lb.	Lb.	.7172	.6412	.6412	.6412	.6412
GINGHAM, dress 6.50-7.75 yds. to lb. Montreal	Lb.	1.086	1.10	1.0174	1.0174	1.0174
SILK, raw, grand double extra New York	Lb.	6.642	5.80	5.45	5.65	5.55
WOOL, Eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, Toronto	Lb.	.306	.34	.34	.32-	.30
WOOL, Western Range,Semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, Toronto	Lb.	.3158	.33- .34	.32	.33 .30- .32	.28- .30
PULP, groundwood No.1 Mill	Ton	29.67	25.00-	25.00-	25.00-	25.00-
PIG IRON, basic Mill	Ton	21.833	28.00 20.00	28.00 20.00	28.00 20.00	28.00 21.00
STEEL MERCHANT BARS, Mill	100 Lbs.	2.45	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40
COPPER, electrolytic domestic Montreal	Cwt.	15.767	15.821	19.64	22.93	21.62
LEAD, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	8.154	5.907	6.58	7.17½	7.08
TIN INGOTS, Straits Toronto	Lb.	.6601	.5475	.52	.51	.47¼
SPELTER, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	8.825	7.211	7.30	7.37	7.23
COAL, anthracite Toronto	Ton	13.56	13.02	13.52	13.52	12.92
COAL, bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	Ton	6.083	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
GASOLINE Toronto	Gal.	.2525	.19	.195	.195	.195
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Beaume Ontario and Quebec	Net Ton	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES IN CANADA, APRIL, 1929

(1926=100)

The weighted index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services (1926=100) showed a slight decline in April, being 98.9 as compared with 99.5 in March. Lower prices for certain foods contributed chiefly to this result.

The index number for 46 food items fell from 100.0 to 98.2 due chiefly to easier prices for eggs. Fresh eggs declined from 51¼¢ to 40½¢ per doz., while the cooking and storage variety were 44½¢ and 34¾¢ per doz., respectively, for March and April. Potatoes were down from 27¢ to 25¾¢ per pk. Onions rose from 7¾¢ to 8½¢ per lb.

The fuel and lighting index advanced from 97.5 to 97.6 due to the influence of the wood group.

The miscellaneous index declined slightly, from 99.6 to 99.5, due to lower prices for certain articles of the furniture group.

Index numbers for other groups were unchanged.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1914-1928, AND JANUARY - APRIL, 1929.

Year	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	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	104.6	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	97.8	98.8	97.5	99.6
1928	99.1	98.6	96.9	101.2	97.4	99.6
1928						
January	99.6	100.4	97.4	101.2	97.2	99.6
February	99.2	99.1	97.5	101.2	97.2	99.6
March	98.8	97.7	97.5	101.2	97.2	99.6
April	98.7	97.5	97.3	101.2	97.2	99.6
May	98.4	96.4	96.7	101.2	97.3	99.6
June	98.2	95.9	96.0	101.2	97.3	99.6
July	98.4	96.6	96.0	101.2	97.3	99.6
August	99.2	98.9	96.3	101.2	97.6	99.6
September	99.2	99.2	96.4	101.2	97.6	99.6
October	99.9	101.1	97.1	101.2	97.6	99.6
November	99.7	100.7	97.2	101.2	97.6	99.6
December	99.7	100.5	97.2	101.2	97.6	99.6
1929						
January	99.6	100.2	97.2	101.2	97.6	99.6
February	99.4	99.4	97.4	101.2	97.6	99.6
March	99.5	100.0	97.5	101.2	97.3	99.6
April	98.9	98.2	97.6	101.2	97.3	99.5

INDEX NUMBERS OF SECURITY PRICES

Movement of Indexes in April, 1929.
Traders' Index

The "Traders' Index" of the prices of twenty-five best selling industrial and public utility common stocks on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges was 962.4 for the month of April, 1929, as compared with 1057.3 for March 1929 (monthly indexes are simple averages of weekly figures).

Some of the principal changes in price during the month were as follows:- Hayes Wheels rose from $48.0 to $58.8, National Breweries from $127.2 to $137.3, Canadian Gypsum and Alabastine from $107.4 to $111.7, Dominion Bridge from $98.1 to $102.3, Page Hersey from $127.3 to $131.3, Walkers from $75.3 to $79.3, and National Steel Car from $101.0 to $103.3. Consolidated Mining and Smelting declined from $458.6 to $427.9, Massey Harris from $84.0 to $72.3, Shawinigan from $81.9 to $75.0, Bell Telephone from $169.7 to $163.0, Lyall from $56.7 to $50.0, International Nickel from $54.2 to $48.4, Power Corporation from $106.3 to $102.0, Quebec Power from $78.1 to $75.5 and Canadian Industrial Alcohol "A" from $38.4 to $36.1.

Sales of Walkers rose from 42,500 to 96,400, Dominion Bridge from 52,600 to 64,800, National Breweries from 11,900 to 25,200, Hayes Wheels from 3,700 to 13,500, Canada Car and Foundry from 9,300 to 18,800 and Shawinigan from 40,800 to 48,100. International Nickel fell from 1,629,900 to 671,200, Brazilian from 400,900 to 204,300, Canadian Industrial Alcohol "A" from 36,000 to 13,900, Massey-Harris from 86,200 to 64,800, Power Corporation from 41,000 to 21,200, Cockshutt Plow Co. from 35,000 to 20,300 and Montreal Light, Heat and Power from 27,000 to 16,800.

Note: The Traders' Index measures the trend of gains or losses for an "Average" trader on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges, who buys and sells as a whole and turns over his investments every week.

Column 1. - Weighted index numbers of the prices of the 25 best selling Industrial and Public Utility Common Stocks on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges.

Column 11.- Weighted index numbers of the volume of shares sold.

Column 111.-Index numbers of the total money value of the stocks included in 1 and 11 above.

Date	1 Prices	11 Sales	111 Values
1926	100	100	100
1927			
January	111.7	90.9	101.5
February	123.0	93.2	114.6
March	132.3	95.5	126.3
April	146.2	102.3	149.6
May	161.0	104.2	167.8
June	177.3	132.1	234.2
July	174.0	66.7	116.0
August	187.8	63.1	118.5
September	211.3	110.1	232.6
October	236.4	120.6	285.1
November	251.7	83.9	211.2
December	281.4	104.5	294.0
1928			
January	317.7	88.6	282.9
February	322.0	74.6	230.3
March	338.5	67.5	230.6
April	379.5	69.0	262.0
May	417.1	61.3	256.0
June	388.0	47.5	184.3
July	391.2	27.5	108.0
August	391.3	32.7	127.8
September	470.6	35.3	166.4
October	553.2	64.1	362.4
November	714.1	61.1	440.1
December	809.7	31.8	256.8
1929			
January	1039.5	45.1	475.3
February	1125.8	24.8	280.3
March	1057.3	23.9	242.4
April	962.4	13.2	128.4

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

The monthly index of 92 industrial stocks rose from 266.2 in March to 269.3 in April. This was due chiefly to the rise in oil stocks which more than overbalanced declines in most other groups and particularly the miscellaneous group. Eighteen public utilities fell from 150.1 to 143.6. Seven companies located abroad rose from 176.8 to 180.3 due to the influence of International Petroleum and the index for eight banks declined from 143.5 to 140.9.

PREFERRED STOCKS

Twenty-two preferred stocks fell from 106.8 to 104.3. Canadian Car and Foundry fell from 150.7 to 146.2, Ogilvie from 135.1 to 127.0 and Sherwin Williams from 127.0 to 119.7.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 22 PREFERRED STOCKS

1926 - 1929
(1926 = 100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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	102.6	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	106.8	104.3								

WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS OF 17 MINING STOCKS

The weighted index of seventeen mining stocks, computed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the base 1926-100, was 112.9 for the week ending April 25th, as compared with 113.1 for the previous week.

Gold copper stocks, represented by Amulet and Noranda, declined from 267.8 to 266.1. Eleven gold stocks were unchanged at 83.4. Four silver and miscellaneous stocks rose from 75.2 to 76.2.

Among the gold stocks the average weekly prices behaved as follows:- Premier rose from $1.64 to $1.70, Dome from $9.45 to $10.09, McIntyre from $18.85 to $19.04, Lake Shore from $26.73 to $26.87 and Sylvanite from $1.60 to $1.73. Hollinger declined from $7.25 and $7.21, Teck-Hughes from $9.36 to $9.31 and Wright-Hargreaves from $2.05 to $1.85.

Average weekly prices were higher for one of the gold copper stocks and lower for the other. Amulet rose from $1.70 to $1.79 while Noranda fell from $52.59 to $52.17.

In the silver and miscellaneous group the average price of Coniagas rose from $1.29 to $1.53 and Mining Corporation from $4.54 to $4.56.

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS
1926=100

	General	Banks		Utilities				Industrials									Companies Abroad	
No. of Secur-	Total	Total	Total	Trans-portation	Tele-phone Tele-graph	Power and Tract-ion	Total	Iron and Steel & Iron and Steel Products	Pulp and Paper	Mill-ing	Oils	Text-iles and Cloth-ing	Food and Allied Products	Bever-ages	Miscell-aneous	Total	In-dust-rial	Util-ity
	112	9	16	2	2	12	79	9	9	5	3	9	21	7	16	8	1	7
1927																		
May	118.3	108.9	122.3	115.4	105.1	137.5	124.6	155.8	95.7	123.4	123.2	119.1	125.0	121.2	136.7	106.1	91.9	123.0
June	117.5	111.0	120.3	113.1	107.6	134.7	121.5	158.0	94.2	123.1	118.7	115.1	123.0	122.9	132.5	109.7	91.6	131.3
July	118.3	114.2	121.6	117.4	107.4	131.7	120.6	154.4	97.4	123.8	120.0	115.9	123.5	124.1	125.8	111.0	91.6	134.2
August	125.1	119.9	125.6	119.4	111.7	138.7	130.7	165.0	103.4	126.2	135.0	121.4	129.5	130.3	135.2	117.6	95.3	144.2
September	133.3	128.1	127.1	117.4	108.5	147.0	146.1	185.1	112.5	139.6	161.1	131.6	136.9	144.6	143.0	124.6	100.0	154.1
October	136.8	124.9	129.8	124.3	108.5	143.9	154.5	187.8	134.7	159.9	168.4	137.1	144.2	147.1	147.7	125.1	97.8	157.7
November	139.0	121.6	130.3	125.1	108.7	144.0	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	126.4	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
1928																		
January	149.3	129.3	136.2	132.1	115.5	147.8	172.5	224.1	151.6	187.7	173.9	140.3	170.3	165.5	175.4	143.3	123.2	168.2
February	146.0	134.4	135.1	128.0	116.7	150.1	167.6	213.5	153.4	182.6	165.8	137.0	166.7	158.2	172.5	140.2	115.0	171.2
March	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	177.0	249.8	160.0	180.4	177.0	136.4	165.4	181.9	177.9	156.0	124.5	194.2
May	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	117.7	186.5
September	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
October	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
November	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	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	125	8	18	2	2	14	92	14	9	5	3	7	23	11	20	7	1	6
1929																		
January	207.4	150.2	154.0	153.7	122.3	164.9	286.1	374.6	101.6	217.2	276.8	110.9	196.7	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

INDEX NUMBERS OF SEVENTEEN MINING STOCKS

	Gold 11	Copper 2	Silver and Miscellaneous 4	Total Index 17
1927				
January	113.1	132.3	116.5	116.0
February	120.1	124.6	122.2	120.8
March	119.6	128.9	109.1	120.2
April	118.4	123.4	106.6	118.3
May	122.5	136.5	101.1	123.0
June	118.1	130.4	101.3	118.7
July	121.4	134.7	113.2	122.7
August	125.7	130.0	116.3	128.5
September	134.2	163.6	112.7	137.0
October	139.7	175.2	125.1	143.8
November	139.4	163.3	129.3	142.1
December	136.3	155.5	123.8	138.2
1928				
Week ending Dec. 6th	78.6	326.3	74.2	118.4
" " " 13th	75.5	290.0	71.3	110.1
" " " 20th	75.4	314.9	71.0	113.9
" " " 27th	77.8	328.7	72.4	118.1
1929				
Week ending Jan. 3rd	86.2	340.5	75.6	126.8
" " " 10th	86.2	338.7	78.1	126.8
" " " 17th	83.9	331.2	79.5	124.0
" " " 24th	85.8	337.4	81.4	126.6
" " " 31st	84.8	325.9	85.2	124.3
" " Feb. 7th	84.4	333.3	87.9	125.4
" " " 14th	83.7	323.6	84.9	123.1
" " " 21st	83.4	316.4	84.0	121.7
" " " 28th	86.2	321.1	84.6	124.7
" " Mar. 7th	89.7	322.3	88.2	127.9
" " " 14th	86.9	310.6	85.3	123.6
" " " 21st	84.0	298.4	81.8	119.2
" " " 28th	78.4	274.5	74.6	110.4
" " Apr. 4th	81.3	269.8	75.3	111.9
" " " 11th	82.6	266.5	74.7	112.3
" " " 18th	83.4	267.8	75.2	113.1
" " " 25th	83.4	266.1	76.2	112.9

WEEKLY AVERAGE PRICES OF 17 MINING STOCKS

February to April, 1929.

	FEBRUARY				MARCH				APRIL			
	7th	14th	21st	28th	7th	14th	21st	28th	4th	11th	18th	25th
Gold Group -												
Premier	2.14	2.11	2.01	1.94	1.91	1.90	1.81	1.70	1.66	1.68	1.64	1.70
Coniaurum	1.97	1.87	1.85	1.90	1.85	1.02	.44	.40	.40	.39	.37	.40
Dome	9.82	9.71	9.33	9.77	10.28	10.01	9.47	9.03	8.57	9.17	9.45	10.09
Hollinger	8.84	8.75	8.49	8.46	8.37	8.23	7.93	7.42	7.58	7.35	7.25	7.21
McIntyre	20.82	20.47	20.59	20.80	21.63	20.96	20.28	19.37	19.16	19.10	18.85	19.04
Vipond Consolidated	1.12	1.14	1.17	1.16	1.16	1.13	1.12	.98	3.04	1.06	1.10	1.10
Kirkland Lake	1.66	1.55	1.41	1.46	1.46	1.40	1.29	1.12	1.15	1.16	1.10	1.09
Lake Shore	20.36	20.45	20.75	22.84	25.62	24.76	23.90	22.88	25.34	26.22	26.73	26.87
Sylvanite	2.06	2.14	2.10	2.08	2.07	2.03	1.91	1.75	1.67	1.68	1.60	1.73
Teck Hughes	8.92	8.85	9.02	9.36	9.81	9.41	9.32	8.58	8.80	9.16	9.36	9.31
Wright-Hargreaves	2.13	2.09	2.05	2.20	2.17	2.13	2.07	1.81	1.87	1.90	2.05	1.85
Gold-Copper Group -												
Amulet	2.85	2.64	2.44	2.54	2.43	2.28	1.88	1.71	1.63	1.67	1.70	1.79
Noranda	64.28	62.61	61.44	62.27	62.67	60.50	58.57	53.92	53.06	52.37	52.59	52.17
Silver and Miscellaneous Group -												
Beaver	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Nipissing	3.20	3.09	3.06	3.08	3.28	3.09	2.80	2.92	2.75	2.74	2.97	2.95
Coniagas	2.17	2.06	2.05	2.00	1.82	1.63	1.50	1.31	1.19	1.25	1.29	1.53
Mining Corporation	5.31	5.12	5.05	5.13	5.47	5.38	5.27	4.48	4.73	4.66	4.54	4.56

INDEX NUMBERS OF INTEREST RATES IN CANADA

(1926=100)

The index number of Interest Rates calculated from the yields of the most popular Ontario Bonds on the basis 1926=100 showed considerable increase in April being 103.3 as compared with 101.2 in March. The index is based on information received from Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company Limited, showing the yield on these bonds to be on a 4.95% basis for April.

Index Numbers of Interest Rates in Canada Calculated from Yields of Ontario Bonds, 1900-1929

Base 1926 = 100

	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
January	73.1	77.9	79.3	78.5	78.5	78.5	76.2
April	74.1	78.5	79.3	78.5	78.5	75.2	76.2
June	75.2	78.7	79.3	78.5	79.3	74.1	76.2
October	77.2	78.7	79.3	78.5	79.3	75.2	76.8
December	77.7	79.3	78.5	78.5	78.3	76.2	77.2

	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
January	78.3	88.7	82.5	81.4	83.5	83.5	88.7
April	81.4	87.7	81.4	82.5	81.0	85.6	89.8
June	85.6	86.6	80.4	82.5	81.0	86.6	90.8
October	87.7	85.6	80.4	82.5	81.4	87.7	91.9
December	88.7	83.5	81.4	83.5	83.5	88.7	91.9

	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
January	91.9	88.7	109.6	100.2	125.3	121.1
April	90.8	91.9	110.6	109.6	125.3	116.9
June	88.7	93.9	109.6	114.8	126.3	112.7
October	88.7	104.4	104.4	123.2	125.3	116.9
December	88.7	109.6	102.3	125.3	125.3	120.0

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
January	120.0	125.3	116.9	112.7	106.5	99.2	100.2	97.1	89.8
February	120.0	125.3	114.8	110.6	106.1	100.2	100.2	97.1	87.7
March	120.0	125.3	113.8	109.6	106.1	100.2	100.2	96.0	88.7
April	121.1	125.3	112.7	107.5	106.1	100.2	100.2	95.2	88.7
May	121.1	126.3	112.7	107.5	106.1	99.2	100.2	95.0	90.8
June	125.3	126.3	112.7	107.5	105.8	99.2	100.2	95.0	91.9
July	125.3	128.4	112.7	107.5	103.5	99.2	100.2	95.0	93.9
August	125.3	128.4	112.7	107.5	99.2	99.2	100.2	95.0	96.0
September	125.3	127.3	111.7	107.5	99.2	99.2	100.2	95.0	96.0
October	129.4	126.3	111.7	107.9	100.2	100.2	100.2	93.9	95.0
November	129.4	119.4	112.7	107.3	99.2	100.2	99.2	93.3	95.0
December	128.4	119.4	113.2	107.3	99.2	100.2	99.2	90.8	96.0

	1929
January	97.1
February	98.1
March	101.2
April	103.3

WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS, MARCH, 1929

WHOLESALE

The passing of another month failed to dislodge copper from its position as the major attraction in the field of prices. In the United States, quotations to home buyers were advanced 2¢ in two consecutive weeks in March, while the net gain for the month of approximately 6¢ brought the price per pound up to 24¢. Not since the period of post war inflation has a weekly increase of 2¢ per pound been recorded. Zinc and lead also scored marked advances of a less spectacular nature.

The general upward movement of European wholesale indexes noted in last month's report, was still in evidence. It was most pronounced in the United Kingdom where the Board of Trade index under the influence of the Foods, Minerals, and Cotton groups rose from 138.4 in February to 140.1 for March. Germany, France, and the Netherlands were other countries in which indexes pointed to slightly stiffer prices. Metals and Vegetable Foodstuffs were the important factors in the minor gains made. Meats on the continent seemed to be somewhat lower.

A decline from 159 to 154 of the official index for Denmark offered the greatest contrast to the general trend of European indexes. It was caused largely by a sharp break in the Fuel and Lubricating Oils group and a marked decline in building materials.

Indexes for the United States and Canada both registered fractional gains in March. Metals and Farm Products in the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics index scored gains of sufficient importance to overcome the inertia exhibited by the majority of other groups. Amongst the metals, as already noted, copper greatly influenced the advance. Hogs, butter, and flour, more especially during the earlier part of the month, contributed to the strength shown by Farm Products. Later indications noticeable in the last week, however, pointed towards weakness in this group.

Comparative Wholesale index data for March, 1929, February, 1929, and March, 1928.

Country	March 1929	Feb. 1929	March 1928	March 1929 + or - % compared with Feb. 1929	March 1929 + or - % compared with March 1928	Index
United Kingdom	140.1	138.4	140.8	+ 1.2	- 0.5	Board of Trade 1913=100
France	653	652	-	+ 0.2	-	Statistique Generale 1913=100
Germany	139.6	139.3	138.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.8	Federal Statistical Office 1913=100
Denmark	154	159	154	- 3.1	unchanged	Official 1913=100
Netherlands	147	146	153	+ 0.7	- 3.9	Central Bureau of Statistics 1913=100
Canada	96.1	95.7	97.7	+ 0.4	- 1.6	Dominion Bureau of Statistics 1926=100
United States	97.5	96.7	96.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.6	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 1926=100
Japan	170.9	170.9	169.2	unchanged	+ 1.0	Bank of Japan, October, 1899=100

RETAIL

Price trends in evidence last month were generally still apparent in March. The upward movement in central Europe continued. Most indexes for northern Europe, and the official index for the United Kingdom were lower.

The German cost of living index reached a new peak of 156.5, 2.1 points above the figure for last month which was higher than any number recorded since 1923. The increase was due to advances in the Food, and Fuel and Lighting groups. The French index of living costs for a workman's family of four, in the first quarter of 1929 also reached a new peak of 547. This was 16 points above the number for the last quarter of 1928 and 2 points above the previous high point reached in the last quarter of 1926.

The Ministry of Labour index of living costs in the United Kingdom was four points lower for April 2nd, than for the same day of the previous month. This drop was due in large part to lower food prices which caused the food index to drop seven points during March. Better weather conditions and seasonal factors were given as the reasons for this marked change.

The March index of foods for Sydney indicated that the recent rise of food prices in Australia had been checked and that at least a minor re-action was underway. From a year's low of 1562 in September 1928, the index mounted to 1711 in February 1929, a figure unequalled for several years. The March index however, was 1679, marking a break in the advance of prices and probably the beginning of a change in the short term trend.

For the United States, the National Industrial Conference Board index was slightly lower due to the effect of the Food and Clothing group indexes. The latter at 166.1 was lower than it has been since 1925. Coal and rentals were slightly higher but the effect of their gains was negligible.

Comparative Cost of Living index data for March,1929, February,1929, and March,1928.

Country	March 1929	Feb. 1929	March 1928	March 1929 +or-% compared with Feb. 1929	March 1929 +or-% compared with March 1928	Index
United Kingdom	162	166	164	- 2.4	- 1.2	Ministry of Labour, July 1914=100
France	607	602	-	+ 0.8	-	Paris Foods, July, 1914=100
Germany	156.5	154.4	150.6	+ 1.4	+ 4.0	Cost of Living - 71 Towns - 1913-14-100
Italy	570.9	564.7	522.1	+ 1.1	+ 9.3	21 Foods - 1913=100
Austria	15.848	15.952	15.356	- 0.7	+ 3.2	C. of L. Vienna - July 1914=1
Norway	180	181	193	- 0.6	- 6.7	C. of L. - July, 1914=100
Finland	160	161	158	- 0.6	+ 1.3	C. of L. - 21 Towns - Jan.-June 1914=100
Canada	99.5	99.4	98.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	Dominion Bureau of Statistics 1926=100
United States	159.8	161.0	161.1	- 0.7	- 0.8	Nat. Ind. Conf. Board, July 1914=100
Japan	186	185	184	+ 0.5	+ 1.1	Bank of Japan - Tokio, July 1914=100
Australia	1679	1711	1590	- 1.9	+ 5.6	Food & Groceries - Sydney - July 1914=100

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

	CANADA						UNITED STATES								
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics														
Authority	General Index		(Consumers' Goods)	(Producers' Goods)	Raw or partly Mfg. Goods	Fully or chiefly Mfg. Goods	Irving Fisher		Bureau of Labour Statistics	Bradstreet		Dun		Annalist
Number of Commodities	236		98	146	107	129	200		550	106		200		72 Series
Base	1926	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1926	1926	1913		1913		1913
Date														
1913	64.0	100	100	100	100	100	100	66.2x		9.2115	100	120.887	100	100
1914	65.5	102.3	101.3	103.4	104.2	101.0		65.0		8.9034	97	122.211	101	
1915	70.4	109.9	105.9	114.2	113.9	110.9		66.8		9.8530	107	126.393	104	
1916	84.3	131.6	120.6	130.7	133.4	130.4		84.0		11.8237	128	148.807	122	
1917	114.3	178.5	154.0	177.4	178.4	175.5		117.4		15.6385	170	204.123	169	
1918	127.4	199.0	172.8	195.0	189.2	196.9		128.7		18.7117	203	229.220	190	
1919	133.9	209.2	191.7	206.2	204.4	204.4		136.7		18.6642	203	230.846	190	
1920	155.9	243.5	226.1	241.9	244.0	242.0		149.8		18.8095	204	248.721	205	
1912	110.0	171.8	174.4	167.3	168.4	180.0		97.3		11.3696	123	170.451	141	
1922	97.3	152.0	153.6	146.8	148.5	155.0		98.6		12.1185	132	171.660	144	
1923	98.0	153.0	151.3	145.0	142.8	159.1	158	101.1	100.6	13.4028	146	189.787	157	
1924	99.4	155.2	150.5	147.6	148.6	157.3	149	98.9	98.1	12.8672	139	189.322	157	
1925	102.6	160.3	156.9	155.5	158.0	160.2	159	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.694	164	
1926	100.0	156.2	161.5	148.3	156.7	154.3	151	100.0	100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	157	
1927	97.7	151.6	154.3	147.0	153.2	148.6	142	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	155	
1928	96.4	149.7							97.7	13.2823	144	194.521	161	
1928										(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	
March	97.7	152.8	154.1	149.9	155.0	148.1	148	97.6	96.0	13.3409	145	193.788	160	146.1
April	98.3	153.2	152.0	152.7	155.9	149.4	150	99.1	97.4	13.4161	146	195.415	162	148.0
May	97.7	152.9	150.0	153.9	155.5	148.8	150	99.1	98.6	13.4376	146	199.169	164	151.5
June	97.1	150.2	151.5	150.3	151.7	147.9	148	98.0	97.6	13.1913	143	195.691	162	149.4
July	96.2	149.6	153.1	147.8	149.9	147.8	150	99.6	98.3	13.1418	142	195.183	161	150.6
August	95.4	149.1	156.6	144.6	148.5	148.2	151	99.8	98.9	13.1903	143	194.132	161	150.8
September	95.5	149.7	159.5	143.4	149.6	147.9	151	99.7	100.1	13.2813	144	193.925	160	152.9
October	95.4	150.2	158.2	142.8	150.5	147.3	150	98.8	97.8	13.1285	142	194.734	161	149.6
November	94.9	148.6	156.5	141.5	147.8	146.7	148	97.5	96.7	13.0131	141	192.945	160	148.3
December	94.5	146.7	153.6	141.0	145.5	145.6	147	97.0	96.7	13.1479	143	193.543	160	147.5
1929														
January	94.5	146.7	(b)	(b)			147	97.4	97.2	12.9651	140	192.365	159	147.0
February	95.7	146.6					148	97.7	98.0	12.9828	141	194.165	161	146.7
March	96.1	147.2					149	98.3		13.0004	141	194.247	161	146.5
April	94.1	144.2						97.2		12.8691	139	191.596	158	
May														

(a) First of Month. (x) Index No. of prices revised 1926=100. (b) For revised index on 1926 base see pp. 4 and 7.

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EUROPE

COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM					FRANCE		ALSACE LORRAINE	GERMANY	
Authority	Board of Trade	Economist		Statist	Times	Statistique Generale	U.S. Federal Reserve Board		Federal Statistical Office	Frankfurter Zeitung
No. of Commodities	150	58		45	60	45	70	55	400	100
Base Period	1913	1913	1927	1866-77	1913	1901-1910	1913	July, 1914	1913	July, 1914
Date										
1913	100	100		100(a)	100	100(a)	100		100	
1914				100		102.0		100	106	100
1915				127.1		129.8			142	
1916				159.5		188.2			152	
1917				206.1		261.6			179	
1918				226.5		339.2			217	
1919				241.9		356.2			415	
1920	307.3			295.3	328	509.4	512		1486	
1921	197.2			182.4	189	345.0	344		1911	
1922	158.8			154.1	158	326.6	319		34182	
1923	158.9			151.8	162	418.9	394		x16620	140.1 Dec.
1924	166.2	166.2	115.7	164.6	171	488.5	466		137.3 (c)	146.9 "
1925	159.1	160.9	112.0	159.5	161	549.8	479		141.8	143.6 "
1926	148.1	149.4	104.0	149.6	150	702.6			134.4	136.8 "
1927	141.4	143.7	100.0	144.2	143	617.2	585		137.6	138.3 "
1928	140.3	140.9	98.1	141.9	141	620.6	595		140.0	137.0 "
1928				(d)		(d)				
March	140.8	143.5	99.9	145.4	143.7	622.8	587	643	138.5	137.7
April	142.9	145.7	101.4	147.8	145.9	623.8	601	653	139.5	139.6
May	143.6	146.7	102.1	148.5	146.2	632.3	617	660	141.2	140.5
June	142.6	144.5	100.6	144.2	144.4	626.0	621	661	141.3	139.7
July	141.1	141.9	98.8	141.5	141.3	623.8	613	664	141.6	138.3
August	139.3	139.4	97.0	138.8	140.0	617.0	607	660	141.5	137.9
September	137.6	137.5	95.7	137.4	137.8	619.9	598	664	139.9	138.3
October	137.9	136.9	95.3	137.4	137.9	617.0	585	666	140.1	138.1
November	137.9	136.9	95.3	138.7	138.3	625.7	580	664	140.3	138.2
December	138.3	136.5	95.0	138.7	137.5	623.8	588	670	139.9	137.3
1929										(e)
January	138.3	136.1	94.7	137.6	136.9	630.6			138.9	
February	138.4	137.3	95.6	141.3	138.7	638.5			139.3	
March	140.1	138.1	96.1	141.7	138.9				139.6	

(a) Converted to 1913 base. (c) New Series. (x) 000,000,000's omitted. (d) End of Month (e) Index discontinued as from January 1929.

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COUNTRY	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		SPAIN
Authority	Federal Statistical Office	Official	Ministry of Industry & Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Finans tidende	Dir. General of Statistics
Number of Commodities	47x	71	130	48	100	95	47	160	118	33	74
Base Period	January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec.31/13-June 30/14	1913	July 1/13 June 30/14	1913	1913	July 1/12 June 30/14	1913
Date											
1913				100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1914	100	100	100	109	115		116			134 Dec.	101
1915		b		146	159		145			149 "	119
1916				226	233		185			206 "	141
1917				276	341		244			284 "	166
1918				376	345		339			292 "	207
1919				304	322		330			340 "	204
1920				292	382		347	359		341 "	221
1921	(a)	191.2	366(b)	182	298		211	222		178 "	190
1922	99	167.5	367	160	233		162	173		181 "	176
1923	124	180.6	497	151	232	232	157	163		210 "	172
1924	136	174.6	573	156	269	268	155	162		234 "	183
1925	136	161.6	558	155	251	253	157	161	210	157 "	188
1926	123	144.5	744	145	196	198	144	149	163	141 "	181
1927	133	142.2	847	148	160	167	141	146	153	145 "	173
1928	130	144.6	843	149	155	161	144	148	153	-	167
1928	(d)	(e)								(c)	
May	131	145.1	844	152	156	162	149	152	155	149	164
June	133	145.2	844	153	158	161	149	151	155	(g)	164
July	133	144.1	841	148	160	162	149	150	155		164
August	133	143.6	831	144	153	162	148	149	154		166
September	131	143.6	830	145	153	158	139	146	151		168
October	129	144.6	835	146	151	157	136	145	150		174
November	128	145.2	837	148	150	157	138	145	151		176
December	127	143.9	855	148	150	157	139	145	151		175
1929											
January	128	142.5	867	146	149	154	138	144	151		171
February		142.9		146	150	155	139	145	159		173
March				147				144	154		

(a) Since January 1925 schilling prices. x Revised Index No. of Commodities changed from 42 to 47. (b) Average of 5 months. (c) First of following month. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New Series Federal Labour Dept. - 78 articles. (g) Since June 1928, this index is no longer published

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EUROPE

COUNTRY	ITALY		FINLAND			POLAND	RUSSIA	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHO SLOVAKIA
	Bachi	Milan Chamber of Commerce	Bank of Finland		Official	Commerce Reports	"Gosplan"	Official	Dir. General of Statistics	Official	General Bureau of Statistics
Number of Commodities	100	125	Imports	Exports	135	73					126
	1913	1913	1913		1913	January, 1914	1913	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914
Date	(b)										
1913	100	100	100	100	100		1	100			
1914			106	103		100			100		100
1915			162	134							
1916			227	254	206						
1917			519	375	332						
1918			741	415	585						
1919			755	441	733						
1920			1387	1053	1183						
1921	531	517#	1329	1213	1263		(a)				
1922	508	529	1072	1180	1219	72.8	96	113			1334
1923	512	536	915	1145	1095	85.9	1.69x	114		122	977
1924	512	554	958	1090	144(d)	109.8	1.72x	116	2688	138	997
1925	596	646	1052	1111	14[illegible]	125.4	1.83x	124	3052	140	1008
1926	603	654	984	1092	14[illegible]	(c)181.2	1.77x	114	2781	124	954
1927	495	527	945	1092	14[illegible]	118.6	1.71x	114	2819	132	979
1928	462	491	955	1092	145	119.8	1.77x	121	3072	135	977
1928						(e)					(f)
May	465	496	988	1047	143	122.5	1.72	123	3134	135	986
June	462	493	981	1067	145	121.5	1.72	121	3078	135	979
July	453	488	972	1082	145	120.8	1.73	122	2987	133	996
August	456	486	966	1091	147	118.7	1.73	122	2961	134	986
September	458	488	958	1096	146	118.1	1.76	121	3051	137	971
October	463	492	958	1099	146	118.4	1.76	118	3129	138	957
November	466	495	955	1095	145	118.4	1.77	118	3207	137	955
December	464	497	955	1107	144	118.4	1.77	118	3210	135	953
1929											
January	461	496	966	1069		116.0	1.77	119	3211	134	950
February	463	498	971	1063		117.1	1.78	121	3267	137	964
March	461	499						123		138	

(a) Rb. Czervonetz Prices. (x) End of Year. (b) Revised index. (c) New Series, 1926; recalculated on the basis of the new zloty as from Oct.
(d) Gold Index. # Average of eight months. (e) Average last week of month. (f) First of the following month.

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	ASIA				OCEANIA			AFRICA	
COUNTRY	INDIA		CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW SOUTH WALES	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
AUTHORITY	Dept. of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Bureau of Markets Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician		Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Dept. of Statistics (Cairo)
No. of Commodities	75	43		96	92	100		188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	February, 1913	October, 1899	1911	1911	1909-1913	1910	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
Date									
1913			100	100(a)	100(a)	100(a)	1000(a)	100(a)	
1914	100	100		95.5	105.6	104.1	1041	96.9	100
1915	112			96.6	147.4	128.3	1171	107.1	103
1916	128			113.1	138.2	136.4	1259	122.6	128
1917	145			148.5	152.8	152.8	1432	140.7	176
1918	178	236		195.8	177.8	177.0	1685	153.1	211
1919	196	222		235.9	188.9	191.4	1761	164.8	231
1920	201	216	152.0	259.4	227.9	229.2	2067	223.3	316
1921	178	199	150.2	200.4	174.9	179.1	1919	160.4	173
1922	176	187	145.5	195.8	161.6	164.8	1645	128.4	146
1923	172	181	156.4	199.1	178.7	176.3	1579	126.6	132
1924	173	182	153.9	206.5	173.3	171.6	1648	128.7	143.
1925	159	163	159.4	201.7	169.5	170.1	1609	127.6	152
1926	148	149	164.1	178.9	168.4	167.9	1536	123.3	132
1927	148	147	170.4	169.8	167.0		1461	124.2	121
1928	145		160.7	170.9	164.7		1481	120.7	120
1928	(b)		(c)				(d)		
March	144	140	163.4	169.2	168.2	165.3	1475		116
April	146	142	163.1	169.7	169.5	166.7	1469	120.8	120
May	147	145	164.5	171.5	166.4	166.1	1477		117
June	145	149	160.0	168.9	166.1	163.1	1480		117
July	148	147	159.2	168.7	165.0	166.2	1476	119.0	117
August	143	146	157.2	170.1	160.9	160.9	1472		119
September	142	148	156.2	173.7	160.5	159.9	1476		120
October	143	150	158.8	173.6	159.7	160.7	1490	120.0	126
November	146	149	159.2	173.1	159.4	159.9	1497		129
December	145	145	159.9	173.7	161.8	162.5	1491		126
1929									
January	145		160.1	172.2	164.2		1473	119.9	125
February	144		162.4	170.9			1463		122
March				170.9			1463		

(a) Converted to 1913 base. (b) End of Month. (c) Last Wednesday of Month. (d) Fifteenth of Month.

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COUNTRY	CANADA		UNITED STATES			GREAT BRITAIN		FRANCE			BELGIUM	HOLLAND
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics: Foods	Dominion Bureau of Statistics: General Retail Index (Foods, fuel Clothing, Rent Sundries)	Foods Bureau of Labour Statistics	Cost of Living Bureau of Labour Statistics	National Industrial Conference Board	Food	Cost of Living	Foods Cities of more than 10,000 inhabitants	13 Articles 11 Foods Paris	Cost of Living	Cost of Living 56 Items 59 Localities	29 Foods 6 Towns
Base Period	1926	1926	1913	1913	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	1st half of 1914	April 1914	1913
Date												
1913	(3)	(3)	100	100								100
1914	68.9	66.0	102.4	103.0 Dec.					100	100	100	
1914 July					100 July	100	100	100				
1915	69.5	67.3	101.3	105.1 "	105.5 "	131	125	123	120 July			
1916	77.5	72.5	113.7	118.3 "	108.7 "	160	148	142	129 "			
1917	100.0	85.6	146.4	142.4 "	131.3 "	202	180	184	183 "			
1918	114.6	97.4	168.3	174.4 "	152.2 "	218	210	245 Aug.	206 "			
1919	122.5	107.2	185.9	199.3 "	172.2 "	217	215	290 "	261 "	238 (1)		
1920	141.1	124.2	203.4	200.4 "	204.5 "	262	255	390 "	373 "	341	455	
1921	107.9	109.2	153.3	174.3 "	163.1 "	226	222	352 "	306 "	307	392	179
1922	91.4	100.0	141.6	169.5 "	155.6 "	175	181	313 "	297 "	302 June	374	157
1923	92.1	100.0	146.2	173.2 "	161.9 "	165	171	351 "	321 "	334 "	428	145
1924	90.7	98.0	145.9	172.5 "	161.7 "	164	171	401 "	360 "	366 "	501	152
1925	94.7	99.3	157.4	177.9 "	168.7 "	168	173	451 "	421 "	390 "	518	152
1926	100.0	100.0	160.6	175.6 "	166.0 "	161	170	610 "	574 "	485 "	618	146
1927	98.1	98.5	155.4	172.0 "	162.2 "	156	164	553 "	557 "	525 "	786	144
1928	98.6	99.1		171.3 "	161.9 "	156	165	109 "(2)	111 "(2)	105 "(2)	819	
1928												
May	96.4	98.4	153.8		161.5	156	165	530	546		805	150
June	95.9	98.2	152.6	170.0	160.9	157	165		557	519 105(2)	811	150
July	96.6	98.4	152.8		161.1	156	165		547 111(2)		811	150
August	98.9	99.2	154.2		161.4	156	165	536 109(2)	540 110		819	150
September	99.2	99.2	157.8		163.4	157	166		544 110	519 105	825	148
October	101.1	99.9	156.8		162.9	159	167		566 115		834	148
November	100.7	99.7	157.3		162.6	160	168	114	119		845	148
December	100.5	99.7	155.8	171.3	162.1	159	167		121	531 108	852	148
1929												
January	100.2	99.6	156.0		160.9	156	165		122		856	
February	99.4	99.4	156.0		161.0	157	166	115	122		859	
March	100.0	99.5			159.8	150	162		123	547 111		
April	98.2	98.9										

(1) First half of year. (2) Since date of stabilisation, gold index. (3) Recalculated on 1926 base.

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COUNTRY	NORWAY		SWEDEN		GERMANY		AUSTRIA		SPAIN	ITALY	SWITZERLAND
Nature of Index	Food 30 Towns	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	51 Articles (44 Foods) 49 Towns	Cost of Living 71 Towns	Food 71 Towns	Cost of Living Vienna	Food Vienna	Food Madrid	Cost of Living Milan	Cost of Living (Official) Federal Labour Office
Base Period	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	1913-1914	Oct. 1913 July, 1914	July 1914	July 1914	1914	Jan.-June 30, 1914	June 1914
Date											
1913								(4)			
1914					100			100	100	100	100
1914 July	100	100	100	100			100				
1915	123 July	117 June		124 July			160		108		
1916	153 "	146 "	130 June	142 "			340		116		
1917	203 "	190 "	159 "	181 "			671		125		
1918	271 "	253 "	219 "	268 "			1162		154	286 July	204 July
1919	290 "	275 "	257 "	310 "			2490		174	280 "	222 "
1920	319 "	307 "	270 "	297 "	935 July		5100		190	441 "	224 "
1921	292 "	294 "	236 "	232 "	1124 "		9972	(5)57900	189	494 "	200 "
1922	233 "	251 "	190 "	179 "	5392 "		263700	328236	181	488 "	164 "
1923	218 "	238 "	174 "	160 "	3675100 "	(1)	76(2)	1291100	177	487 "	164 "
1924	248 "	249 "	171 "	159 "	116.0 "	126.0 July	86	1436200	184 July	512 "	169 "
1925	260 "	259 "	176 "	169 "	143.3 "	153.8 "	97		189 "	598 "	168 "
1926	198 "	220 "	172 "	156 "	142.4 "	145.3 "	103	115	187 "	649 "	162 "
1927	175 "	203 "	169 "	151 "	150.0 "	156.8 "	106	122	189 "	548 "	160 "
1928	173	193	172	157 "	152.6	154.1	108	119	173 "	143	161
1928										(3)	
March	171	193	171	154	150.6	151.0	107	116	176	145	160
April	171	193		154	150.7	151.0	107	117	174	145	160
May	172	193		155	150.6	150.8	107	117	171	144	160
June	171	193	173	157	151.4	152.1	109	122	172	145	161
July	173	193		157	152.6	154.1	108	119	173	143	161
August	170	192		156	153.5	155.6	108	120	174	142	161
September	164	185	172	155	152.3	153.1	109	120	178	143	161
October	163	184		153	152.1	151.8	109	120	179	144	162
November	161	184		152	152.3	152.0	109	120	181	146	162
December	161	183		151	152.7	152.7	109	119	187	147	162
1929											
January	158	181	170	150	153.1	153.3	109	120	184	148	161
February	157	181		151	154.4	155.7	111	123		148	161
March	158	180			156.5	159.3	110	121		153	161

(1) Gold Mark prices. (2) Gold Index since 1926 new series. (3) Since date of stabilization gold index. (4) Since 1926 new index. (5) December.

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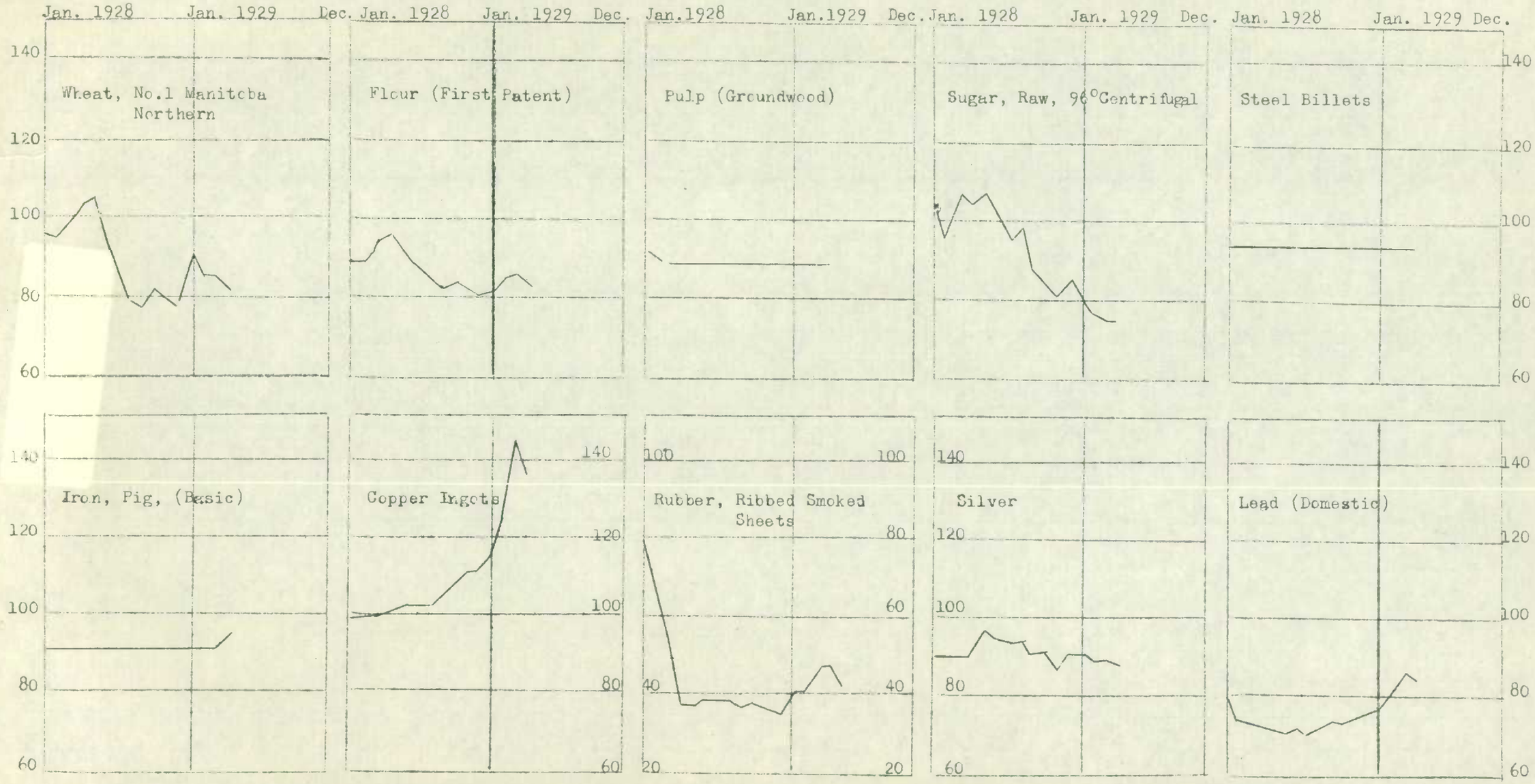
COUNTRY	BULGARIA		HUNGARY		FINLAND		POLAND		ROUMANIA	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 12 Towns	Food 12 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Food Buda-pest	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Food 21 Towns	Cost of Living Warsaw	Food Warsaw	Cost of Living Entire Country	Food and Groceries 46 Commodities 30 Towns	59 Foods 26 Towns	Cost of Living	Cost of Living Cairo
Base Period	1914	1914	1913	1913	Jan.-June 1914	Jan.-June 1914	Jan. 1914	Jan. 1914	1914	1911		1914	Jan. 1913 July, 1914
Date			(b)		(d)	(d)	(f) (h)	(f)		(i)			
1913			100	100									
1914 July	100	100			100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1915 "										131	112		
1916 "										130	119		118
1917 "					(e)251					127	127	122	157
1918 "					(e)588					132	139	131	184
1919 "	1.234	1.324			(e)964					147	144	145	221
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	74.4	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 "	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	115.3(g)	143.1	3.900	153	144	131	151
1928 "			118	131	161	151	122.6	144.1	4.086	154	147 (k)	131	151
1928	(a)												
March	2.791	2.790	114	124	158	147	119.3	140.2	4.061	153	145	132	151
April	2.841	2.851	114	126	158	146	120.7	141.4	4.085	154	144	133	149
May	2.857	2.869	117	130	158	145	121.3	142.1	4.090	154	146	133	149
June	2.818	2.830	118	132	159	147	121.8	142.8	4.099	154	147	132	149
July	2.861	2.878	118	131	161	151	122.6	144.1	4.086	152	147	131	151
August	2.742	2.747	120	133	164	155	122.1	124.8	4.100	150	146	131	153
September	2.757	2.760	121	133	163	153	122.1	142.4	4.135	150	147	131	153
October	2.796	2.794	119	129	164	154	123.2	144.0	4.206	149	149	131	155
November	2.826	2.822	118	127	165	156	125.2	148.0	4.230	150	150	131	155
December	2.816	2.809	118	126	164	155	125.0	147.3	4.237	152	152	131	154
1929													
January			118	125	162	150	124.5	145.7	4.240	161		131	152
February			121	130	161	149	127.7	153.0	4.249			131	
March					160	148	124.6	146.0					

(a) Excluding Clothing and Rent. (b) End of Month. (c) December. (d) Since date of Stabilisation, gold index. (e) January. (f) Since 1922 Zloty Prices. (g) Recalculated on Basis of New Zloty. (h) Last Week of Month. (i) June. (k) 15th of Month.



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