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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS<sup>X</sup>

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(1935-1939=100)

The composite Dominion price index of commodities and services used by farmers, including farm family living costs recorded a drop of 2.3 points to 131.5 between August, 1944 and January, 1945. Compared with January, 1944, however, an increase of 1.0 had occurred. A decline in the commodities and services index was mainly responsible for the August, 1944-January, 1945 recession, the composite index for this series falling 3.9 points to 137.4. In the same interval farm family living costs rose 0.2 to 122.8. A sub-group breakdown showed a sharp seasonal decline in the Dominion index of farm wages from a level of 275.2 in August to 234.6 in January. In the commodities section, a provisional index for farm implements at 113.0 in January was down 3.8 points from the August level. This reflected the removal of the war exchange tax as well as certain tariffs on imported farm implements. Among other commodity groups to record changes, gasoline, oil and grease moved down 0.7 to 119.9, while the seed and building materials series each rose 0.8 to 136.4 and 174.9 respectively.

Due almost entirely to the previously mentioned regional differential in the wage rate decline, changes registered by eastern and western Canada composite index series were marked. Between August and January the commodity series of 8 factors remained unchanged at 127.3 for eastern Canada, while the western series eased 1.2 to 122.2. In the same period commodities and services for eastern Canada moved down 1.4 to 140.6 while in the west a decline of 7.7 points to 132.5 occurred.

Regional changes in farm family living costs were identical, the composite index for eastern Canada at 122.5 and western Canada at 123.3, each recording an advance of 0.2 over August levels. In both instances higher costs for health maintenance were primarily responsible for the change. Foods were slightly lower in both regions.

Further detail concerning recent index movements may be obtained from the three tables following.

<sup>X</sup> For a detailed description of these index numbers, see "Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services used by Farmers", issued August 17, 1944.

<sup>+</sup> Commodities and services include implements, fertilizer, seed, feed, motor fuel and lubricants, building materials, hardware, binder twine, taxes, interest and wages.

Table 1. -- Composite Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services used by Farmers and Farm Family Living Costs.

1935-39=100							
Number of Factors of Factors years	Commodities and Services used by Farmers			Commodities and Services and Living Costs			Farm Living Costs
	8 <sup>x</sup>	10 <sup>x</sup>	11 <sup>x</sup>	8 <sup>x</sup>	10 <sup>x</sup>	11 <sup>x</sup>	
ALL CANADA							
1926 .....	120.6	123.8	129.3	120.7	122.7	125.9	120.9
1939 .....	96.1	97.2	99.1	97.4	98.1	99.3	99.5
1942 August ..	119.9	116.2	129.2	119.9	117.7	125.5	119.9
1943 April ...	121.6	118.0	133.1	121.5	119.4	128.4	121.4
August ..	123.1	119.1	138.9	122.7	120.3	132.2	122.0
1944 January .	125.5	120.6	135.7	124.4	121.5	130.5	122.7
April ...	125.8	120.8	139.5	124.7	121.7	132.9	123.0
August ..	125.8	120.8	141.3	124.5	121.5	133.3	122.6
1945 January .	125.3	120.3	137.4	124.3	121.3	131.5	122.8
EASTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	122.9	124.2	128.1	121.8	122.6	125.0	120.2
1939 .....	95.7	96.5	98.9	97.2	97.7	99.1	99.5
1942 August ..	122.1	117.4	131.3	121.4	118.6	127.0	120.4
1943 April ...	123.4	118.7	134.3	122.6	119.8	129.1	121.4
August ..	124.9	119.9	142.5	123.8	120.7	134.3	122.0
1944 January .	127.2	121.2	138.8	125.3	121.7	132.3	122.5
April ...	127.5	121.4	140.4	125.6	122.0	133.4	122.3
August ..	127.3	121.3	142.0	125.3	121.7	134.1	122.3
1945 January .	127.3	121.1	140.6	125.4	121.7	133.4	122.5
WESTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	117.0	123.3	131.0	119.0	122.8	127.4	121.9
1939 .....	96.7	98.1	99.6	97.8	98.7	99.6	99.5
1942 August ..	116.7	114.5	126.1	117.7	116.4	123.3	119.1
1943 April ...	118.9	117.0	131.3	119.9	118.7	127.3	121.3
August ..	120.2	118.0	133.6	120.9	119.6	129.0	122.0
1944 January .	122.9	119.8	131.0	123.0	121.1	127.8	123.0
April ...	123.1	119.9	138.2	123.3	121.3	132.3	123.4
August ..	123.4	120.1	140.2	123.3	121.3	133.4	123.1
1945 January .	122.2	119.2	132.5	122.7	120.9	128.3	123.3

<sup>x</sup> 8 factor indexes include prices of commodities only representing the following groups: farm implements, building materials, gasoline, oil and grease, feed, fertilizer, binder twine, seed and hardware.

10 factor indexes include all the above commodities plus tax rates and interest rates.

11 factor indexes include the above 10 factors plus farm wage rates.

1943, 1944 and 1945 index numbers subject to revision because figures for taxes and mortgage interest in these years are provisional.



Table 2. - Price Indexes of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers.

1935-39=100

Year	Imple- ments	Ferti- lizer	Seed	Feed	Gasoline Oil Grease	Building Materials	Hard- ware	Binder Twine	Taxes	Interest on Mortgages	Wages
ALL CANADA											
1926 .....	97.3	129.0	127.8	137.6	130.0	114.0	103.7	184.5	142.7	119.1	167.9
1939 .....	103.9	107.2	80.2	80.1	97.6	108.1	101.6	93.8	104.2	95.1	108.1
1942 August ...	116.7	114.0	116.0	113.4	120.5	149.6	120.3	126.4	111.6	93.9	198.7
1943 April ....	116.7	108.0	127.1	118.5	120.6	153.8	120.7	126.4	116.3x	92.4x	220.8
August ...		108.0	132.8	122.9	120.6	156.5	120.5	126.4			256.9
1944 January ..	116.7	108.0	136.9	126.2	120.6	172.1	120.8	126.4	114.1x	92.4x	212.0
April ....	116.8	108.0	136.4	127.1	120.6	172.8	120.8	126.4			258.0
August ...	116.8	108.0	135.6	126.9	120.6	174.1	119.7	126.4			275.2
1945 January ..	113.0x	108.0	136.4	128.5	119.9	174.9	119.6	126.4	113.4x	92.4x	234.6
EASTERN CANADA											
1926 .....	97.0	129.0	121.4	134.9	136.6	114.0	101.9	184.5	133.9	116.5	144.1
1939 .....	104.3	107.2	82.4	81.0	100.1	108.1	102.0	93.8	101.1	95.0	108.5
1942 August ...	117.2	114.0	119.1	115.4	130.5	150.4	119.5	126.4	106.2	93.2	197.5
1943 April ....	117.2	108.0	130.7	117.7	130.6	153.8	119.8	126.4	109.4x	91.3x	212.0
August ...		108.0	134.6	120.5	130.6	158.1	119.8	126.4			261.7
1944 January ...	117.2	108.0	137.7	122.4	130.6	171.8	120.2	126.4	106.8x	91.3x	229.5
April ....	117.2	108.0	136.7	123.3	130.6	173.0	120.2	126.4			241.2
August ...	117.2	108.0	135.3	123.3	130.6	173.4	118.8	126.4			255.4
1945 January ..	113.3x	108.0	136.0	125.3	129.7	173.9	118.8	126.4	105.7x	91.3x	242.3
WESTERN CANADA											
1926 .....	97.8	129.0	137.5	141.6	122.6	114.0	106.3	184.5	156.0	123.8	178.5
1939 .....	103.3	107.2	76.9	78.7	93.9	108.1	101.0	93.8	108.8	95.2	108.0
1942 August ...	116.0	114.0	111.4	110.3	105.4	148.3	121.5	126.4	119.8	95.2	203.7
1943 April ....	116.0	108.0	121.7	119.7	105.5	153.7	122.0	126.4	126.6x	94.0x	237.6
August ...		108.0	130.2	126.5	105.5	154.2	121.6	126.4			254.1
1944 January ..	116.0	108.0	135.6	132.0	105.5	172.5	121.7	126.4	125.0x	94.0x	203.0
April ....	116.3	108.0	136.0	132.9	105.5	172.4	121.7	126.4			287.3
August ...	116.3	108.0	136.0	132.4	105.5	175.1	120.9	126.4			309.2
1945 January ..	112.5x	108.0	136.9	133.3	105.2	176.5	120.9	126.4	125.0x	94.0x	227.1

x Estimate.

Table 3. - Group Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Living Costs.

1935-39=100

Years	Composite Index	Food	Clothing	Fuel	Household Equipment	Health Maintenance	Miscellaneous
ALL CANADA							
1926 .....	120.9	134.4	136.1	124.2	107.8	95.8	102.3
1939 .....	99.5	96.1	100.5	99.4	101.1	100.8	100.6
1942 August .....	119.9	129.2	126.5	112.0	125.2	104.0	103.3
1943 April .....	121.4	131.0	127.1	116.2	127.3	105.7	103.7
August .....	122.0	132.8	126.8	117.6	127.6	105.7	104.4
1944 January .....	122.7	133.3	126.8	120.3	127.6	109.3	104.7
April .....	123.0	133.1	127.6	121.5	127.9	109.3	104.9
August .....	122.6	131.7	127.7	120.8	127.6	109.3	104.9
1945 January .....	122.8	131.6	127.7	120.8	127.6	111.7	104.9
EASTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	120.2	136.1	134.8	119.5	108.0	95.8	102.3
1939 .....	99.5	96.4	100.2	98.9	101.0	100.8	100.6
1942 August .....	120.4	131.7	126.9	115.6	123.1	104.0	103.4
1943 April .....	121.4	133.8	127.3	113.6	124.6	105.7	103.8
August .....	122.0	135.4	127.2	114.9	125.0	105.7	104.5
1944 January .....	122.5	135.7	127.2	115.1	125.0	109.3	104.8
April .....	122.8	135.6	127.7	116.4	125.3	109.3	105.1
August .....	122.3	134.2	127.7	116.2	124.4	109.3	105.1
1945 January .....	122.5	134.1	127.7	116.2	124.4	111.7	105.1
WESTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	121.9	131.9	138.1	131.2	107.4	95.8	102.4
1939 .....	99.5	95.7	101.1	100.2	101.2	100.9	100.5
1942 August .....	119.1	125.4	126.0	106.7	128.8	104.1	103.1
1943 April .....	121.3	126.7	126.7	120.2	131.4	105.7	103.6
August .....	122.0	128.9	126.2	121.7	131.5	105.7	104.2
1944 January .....	123.0	129.6	126.2	128.1	131.5	109.3	104.5
April .....	123.4	129.3	127.4	129.1	131.7	109.3	104.7
August .....	123.1	128.0	127.8	127.7	132.4	109.3	104.7
1945 January .....	123.3	127.8	127.8	127.7	132.4	111.8	104.7

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