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#### WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

##### FIRST HALF OF 1944

Wholesale price index numbers for most countries recorded small advances in the first half of 1944 usually not exceeding 2 p.c.; somewhat larger increases in Mexico and Argentina provided the principal exceptions to this statement. The relative stability of price levels in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States offered a contrast to their behaviour in the first half of 1919. The termination of war in 1918 was followed by a mild depression in commodity markets. This continued well into 1919 before the final inflationary phase which reached a climax about the middle of 1920.

The United States Bureau of Labor wholesale index in the first half of 1944 advanced again following a gradual decline in the latter part of 1943; fractional gains were recorded in each of the first six months of 1944, and the June index of 104.3 (1926=100) was 0.2 p.c. above the preceding wartime high of May, 1943. The June, 1944 index was 39.1 p.c. above the corresponding August, 1939 level.

The Canadian index of wholesale prices continued to make slight advances in the first quarter of 1944, but these were lost in the second quarter. The June index of all wholesale prices showed a wartime increase of 41.8 p.c. with the corresponding rise in Canadian farm product wholesale prices amounting to 74.7 p.c.

The rise in wholesale prices in Mexico accelerated in 1944, following short crops in 1943, and a rising tendency in wages. In March, 1944 provision was made for the import and distribution of commodities in short supply, including corn, wheat, lard and sugar. The Bank of Mexico wholesale index advanced 14.5 p.c. in the first half of 1944, and has increased 78.1 p.c. since the outbreak of war.

In Argentina, a 4 p.c. rise in the wholesale price index in the first half of 1944 followed a temporary check subsequent to price control measures established in the middle of 1943.

The United Kingdom Board of Trade index rose 1.7 p.c. in a steady advance between December, 1943 and May, 1944, and remained stationary in June. Lower food prices were outweighed by increases in all groups of industrial materials and manufactures, the most substantial being in coal and cotton prices.

Since the end of 1942 the Swiss index has shown only a moderate increase compared with that of earlier war years; between December, 1943 and April, 1944 a rise of 1.4 p.c. was recorded. Comparative stability is also shown by index numbers for Sweden, in the latter part of 1943 and the early months of 1944.

The index of wholesale prices in Cairo, Egypt remained unchanged from February to April of 1944, but rose 4 points in May to a level 212 p.c. above August, 1939. A conference held in Cairo in April, 1944 by eleven countries of the Near and Middle East considered the problem of absorbing purchasing power created by Allied expenditure in these countries. So far, the principal offsets have been sales of precious metals and offers of government bonds. In Egypt an approach to the problem of food supply has been made in 1944 by converting to food production more than a million acres formerly used to grow cotton.

There was little change in the Calcutta wholesale price index for India during the first half of 1944. The June index was only 0.7 p.c. below December, 1943, although still 14 p.c. below the peak of September of last year. To June, 1944 the wartime increase in wholesale prices was almost 200 p.c. In 1944 the economic situation has been eased by better crops and distribution control. Rationing of rice, wheat, and sugar exists in more than fifty cities and towns and is being extended to rural areas.



Wholesale index numbers for Australia showed small deviations from levels reached early in 1943. The New Zealand series which has recorded a fairly persistent rise throughout the wartime period recorded no net change between December, 1943 and May 1944. Lower prices for vegetable foodstuffs counterbalanced increases in other groups. The South African index advanced only 0.9 p.c. between December and May, as compared with 4.6 p.c. since June, 1943.

#### WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS

##### FIRST HALF OF 1944

Index numbers of living costs in the first half of 1944 continued to rise in most countries. The rate of increase was generally moderate, except in certain countries of Latin America and in Iceland.

The United States Bureau of Labor index of living costs has shown only fractional changes since the early summer of 1943. Food prices in June, 1944, averaged 4.4 p.c. below June, 1943, a contrast to the rate of increase during the preceding year when food prices had risen 15.2 p.c. Declines in food prices since June, 1943 have been offset by a rise in the homefurnishings index which advanced 8.2 p.c. in the first half of 1944.

Throughout the first half of 1944 the Canadian cost-of-living index remained fractionally below the levels reached in the last four months of 1943. The June, 1944 index was 0.3 p.c. below that of December, 1943, although still 0.4 p.c. higher than in June, 1943.

The Ministry of Labour index for the United Kingdom rose 0.5 p.c. in February influenced by higher coal prices, and remained at that level through June. Levels of food, rent and miscellaneous items remained unchanged.

The Mexican cost-of-living index continued an advance which has been unbroken since the end of 1942. It increased 16.0 p.c. in the first half of 1944, due in large measure to a 21 p.c. increase for foods.

A new series for Peru also showed an accelerated rate of increase of 9.5 p.c. between December and June, as compared with 15.3 p.c. for the year ending June, 1944.

In Reykjavik, Iceland, living costs after declining sharply in the first half of 1943, have risen again steadily since then. There was a 3.5 p.c. increase in the first half of 1944, but the June, 1944 index was still 1.5 p.c. below the December, 1942 peak. The wartime increase to June 1944 approximated 160 p.c.

Quarterly cost-of-living index numbers for Australia, which had recorded their first wartime declines in the second half of 1943, rose only 0.2 p.c. in the first half of 1944. The South African official series rose in a more marked degree in this period with an increase of 2.4 p.c. between December, 1943 and May, 1944.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

First Half of 1944

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>		
	December, 1943 --- and latest month available in 1944 ---	June, 1943	August, 1939
Argentina .....	+ 3.9	+ 3.5	+ 105.6
Australia .....	+ 0.4	- 0.4	+ 42.4
Canada .....	0.0	+ 2.9	+ 41.8
India .....	- 0.7	- 6.3	+ 199.0
Mexico .....	+ 14.5	+ 23.9	+ 78.1
New Zealand .....	0.0	+ 2.4	+ 44.4
Sweden .....	0.0	- 1.0	+ 75.7
Switzerland .....	+ 1.4	+ 2.2	+ 107.7
Union of South Africa .....	+ 0.9	+ 4.6	+ 57.9
United Kingdom .....	+ 1.7	+ 1.8	+ 69.3
United States .....	+ 1.1	+ 0.5	+ 39.1

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

First Half of 1944

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>		
	December, 1943 --- and latest month available in 1944 ---	June, 1943	August, 1939
Australia .....	+ 0.2	- 1.6	+ 22.7
Canada .....	- 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 18.1
Iceland .....	+ 3.5	+ 8.9	+ 160.2
Mexico .....	+ 16.0	+ 26.5	+ 102.6
Peru .....	+ 9.5	+ 15.3	+ 62.8
Switzerland .....	+ 1.0	+ 2.0	+ 51.1
Union of South Africa .....	+ 2.4	+ 3.4	+ 30.1
United Kingdom .....	+ 0.5	+ 1.0	+ 29.0
United States .....	+ 0.8	+ 0.5	+ 27.2



## INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		NORTH AMERICA								
COUNTRY		C A N A D A						UNITED STATES		MEXICO
AUTHORITY		Dominion Bureau of Statistics						Bureau of Labor Statistics		Official
		General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Canadian Farm Products	General Index	Farm Products Index	
No. of Commodities		510(b)	207	366	213	297		889(a)	67	32
Base Period		1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1929
1913		64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	64.1	69.8	71.5
1920		155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	160.6	154.4	150.7
1926		100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0(a)	100.0
1929		95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	100.8	95.3	104.9
1932		66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	48.4	64.8	48.2
1933		67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	51.0	66.0	51.4
1935		72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	63.5	80.0	78.8
1936		74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	69.4	80.8	80.9
1937		84.6	132.1	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	87.1	86.3	86.4
1938		78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	73.6	78.6	68.5
1939		75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	64.3	77.1	65.3
1940		82.9	129.5	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	67.1	78.6	67.7
1941		90.0	140.6	91.1	83.6	81.8	83.8	71.2	87.3	82.4
1942		95.6	149.3	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9	82.5	98.8	105.9
1943		100.0	156.2	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	95.9	103.1	122.6
1939	August	72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4	75.0	61.0
1943	July	100.1	156.4	97.4	95.3	100.0	92.8	96.4	103.2	125.0
	August	100.4	156.8	97.4	95.7	100.4	92.9	97.4	103.1	123.5
	September	101.1	157.9	97.0	97.0	101.2	93.6	97.9	103.1	123.1
	October	101.9	159.2	97.3	98.2	103.2	93.7	103.6	103.0	122.2
	November	102.4	159.9	97.4	98.9	104.0	93.8	104.2	102.9	121.4
	December	102.5	160.1	97.7	99.5	104.3	93.8	104.6	103.2	121.8
1944	January	102.5	160.1	97.8	99.6	104.1	93.8	104.0	103.3	121.8
	February	102.7	160.4	97.7	100.0	104.6	93.7	104.3	103.6	122.5
	March	103.0	160.9	98.0	100.2	104.8	93.8	104.5	103.8	123.6
	April	102.9	160.7	97.9	100.1	104.7	93.8	104.0	103.9	123.2
	May	102.5	160.1	97.5	100.0	104.0	93.6	101.8	104.0	122.9
	June	102.5	160.1	97.4	100.2	104.0	93.5	102.0	104.3	125.0

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941. (b) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.

## INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	S O U T H A M E R I C A			E U R O P E				
COUNTRY	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM			SWITZERLAND	GERMANY
AUTHORITY	Banco de  La Nacion	Official	Official	Board of  Trade	Economist	Economist	Federal Labour  Department	Federal Statis-  tical Office
No. of Commodities	108		58	200	10(e)	58	78	400
Base Period	1926	1913	1913	1930	1935	1927	July, 1914	1913
1913	75.5	100.0	100	-	150.2	-	-	100.0
1920	-	-	239	(d)307.3	290.5	-	-	136.7 July
1926	100.0	-	203	(d)148.1	199.1	-	144.5	(a)134.4
1929	96.4	192.8	186	(d)136.5	160.2	92.4	141.2	137.2
1932	89.5	230.4	170	85.6	84.9	62.6	96.0	96.5
1933	85.6	346.0	130	85.7	90.9	63.1	91.0	93.3
1935	97.0	343.3	189	89.0	100.0	68.6	89.8	101.8
1936	39.2	379.6	192	94.4	114.7	72.8	95.6	104.1
1937	112.6	454.6	205	108.8	131.1	82.5	111.2	105.9
1938	105.5	432.1	205	101.4	101.1	71.9	107.1	105.7
1939	106.2	420.7	215	102.8	109.4	74.2	111.2	106.9
1940	123.4	464.1	248	136.6	133.5	96.4	143.0	110
1941	145.1	541.3	290	152.6	137.4	105.7	183.5	112
1942	187.6	736.0	367	159.4	142.2	111.0	209.6	114
1943	202.1	811.8	421	162.8	147.2	114.2	218.2	116
1939 August	102.9	414.0	1934-36=100 (f)	98.1	106.4	70.3	107.4	107
1943 July	204.0	822.2	224	164.0	147.9	114.6	217.9	117
August	204.1	815.2	226	162.2	148.4	114.3	217.7	117
September	202.7	816.2	224	162.9	149.6	114.3	219.5	116
October	202.9	810.9	224	162.5	149.5	113.6	220.2	116
November	202.6	811.2	226	162.7	149.7	113.6	220.2	116
December	203.6	805.6	226	163.4	149.7	113.7	220.0	117
1944 January	204.8	794.2	228	164.0	151.1	114.5	220.6	117
February	206.4	799.0	230	164.6	151.2	115.2	221.3	117
March	205.7			164.9	151.2	115.1	222.9	
April	207.9			165.5	158.6		223.1	
May	209.2			166.1	158.6	117.6		
June	211.6			166.1	158.6	117.6		

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (e) Sensitive commodities.

(f) New series. 1943 average is 219.



# INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	EUROPE		ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
COUNTRY	SWEDEN	SPAIN	INDIA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
AUTHORITY	Commerce Department	Official	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	160	106	72	56		180	188	23
Base Period	1935(c)	1913	July 1914	1913	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-30=1000	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
1913	100	100.0	-	100.0	-	-	100.0	-
1920	359	223.4	201	259.4	-	-	223.3	316
1926	149	174.8	148	178.8	(d)	-	123.3	132
1929	140	167.7	141	166.1	110.3	988	115.1	116
1932	109	166.6	91	121.7	-	878	91.5	84
1933	107	159.1	87	135.6	-	904	93.1	71
1935	100(c)	164.2	91	140.2	-	937	94.8	95
1936	102	167.2	91	149.2	92.6	946	98.6	85
1937	114	188.5	102	180.0	98.4	1021	161.0	88
1938	111	212.0	95	189.9	100.5	1036	104.4	91
1939	115	241.9	108	209.7	101.1	1071	101.9	88
1940	146	288.8	120	235	104.7	1195	113.2	100
1941	172	341.5	139	249	114.0	1311	124.3	130
1942	189	375.4	185	269	124.2	1416	139.5	181
1943	196	419.0	307	-	137.2	1513	151.6	-
			(a)			(b)		
1939 August	111	244.2	100	205.7	-	1084	(e) 95.8	83
1943 July	196	419.0	332	-	140.4	1522	151.4	224
August	195	416.0	345	288	139.5	1522	153.3	228
September	195	425.9	349	289	139.7	1520	153.3	237
October	195	434.7	334	-	139.2	1532	154.0	237
November	195	445.2	314	292	138.9	1559	155.4	243
December	195	442.3	301	295	138.9	1565	156.2	246
1944 January	195		297		139.1	1566	157.1	253
February	195		300		138.5	1567	157.2	255
March	195		298		138.7	1559	156.9	255
April			290		139.4	1558	157.6	255
May			290			1565	157.6	259
June			299					

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116. (d) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (e) July, 1939.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		NORTH AMERICA								EUROPE		
COUNTRY		CANADA		UNITED STATES		MEXICO		NEWFOUNDLAND		UNITED KINGDOM		
		Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Official		Official		Minister of Labour	
Nature of Index		Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods		Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living St. John's	Foods St. John's	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period		1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1923	1934	1934	October, 1938		July, 1914	
1913		79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920		145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	118.2	-	-	-	-	249	256
1926		121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	-	-	-	-	172	164
1929		121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	100.1	-	-	-	-	164	154
1932		99.0	85.7	97.6	86.4	77.9	-	-	-	-	144	126
1933		94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	-	-	-	-	140	120
1935		96.2	94.6	98.1	100.4	82.2(d)	107.5	107.5	-	-	143	125
1936		98.1	97.8	99.1	101.3	84.1(d)	114.4	123.6	-	-	147	130
1937		101.2	103.2	102.7	105.3	87.8(d)	138.5	136.7	-	-	154	139
1938		102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	85.7(d)	153.3	157.9	-	-	156	141
1939		101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	84.5(d)	155.4	156.2	104.4(c)	108.6(c)	158	141
1940		105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.3(d)	157.3	153.6	-	-	184	164
1941		111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.0(d)	163.9	158.5	128.2(c)	143.0(c)	199	168
1942		117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	188.3	179.0	140.3	163.1	200	161
1943		118.4	130.7	123.5	138.0	103.3	246.6	229.8	149.1	173.5	199	166
		(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)			(a)	(a)		
1939 August		100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.0(d)	156.0	157.4	-	-	155	137
1943 July		118.8	131.8	123.9	139.0	103.1	258.3	243.8	148.9	176.2	200	168
August		119.2	133.2	123.4	137.2	102.8	262.7	242.3	149.4	176.9	199	167
September		119.4	133.5	123.9	137.4	103.1	264.5	243.0	150.0	178.2	198	166
October		119.3	132.9	124.4	138.2	103.7	266.0	245.3	148.5	175.0	199	168
November		119.4	133.1	124.2	137.3	103.7	270.0	250.1	156.7	173.2	199	168
December		119.3	132.7	124.4	137.1	103.9	272.5	253.1	158.2	176.8	199	168
1944 January		119.0	131.5	124.2	136.1	103.9	277.2	258.6	159.5	177.8	199	168
February		118.9	130.9	123.8	134.5	103.4	282.2	264.4	160.1	178.5	200	168
March		119.0	131.1	123.8	134.1	103.4	291.2	275.9	161.7	182.1	200	168
April		119.1	131.5	124.6	134.6	104.1	301.5	288.4	162.9	182.3	200	168
May		119.2	131.7	125.1	135.5	104.4	308.5	296.6	163.2	183.0	200	168
June		119.0	131.1	125.4	135.7	104.4	316.0	306.0	162.4	181.3	200	168

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) October. (d) Revised.



# INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	EUROPE								AFRICA		
COUNTRY	EIRE		SWITZERLAND		PORTUGAL	ICELAND		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA	
Nature of Index	105 Towns & Localities		Cost of Living		Cost of Living	Cost of Living		Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
	Cost of Living	Foods	34 Towns	34 Towns		Reykjavik		Cairo	Cairo	9 Towns	9 Towns
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	Jan.-Mar. 1939	Jan.-Mar. 1939	Jan./13 July/14	Jan./13 July/14	1938=1000	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	224	242	-	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458	1,660
1926	185	179	162	160	-	-	-	160	158(b)	1,063	1,096
1929	176	169	161	156	2,361	-	-	151	146	1,066	1,072
1932	157	141	138	126	1,949	-	-	132	112	958	891
1933	151	131	131	117	1,948	-	-	125	101	932	917
1935	155	140	128	114	1,982	-	-	130	115	940	947
1936	160	147	130	120	2,022	-	-	130	113	943	942
1937	170	156	137	130	2,102	-	-	129	111	965	954
1938	173	159	137	130	2,037	-	-	131	115	1,000	1,000
1939	178	163	138	132	1,918	103	104	131	112	999	993
1940	205	183	151	146	2,009	128	136	143	118	1,034	1,025
1941	226	202	174	175	2,268	160	189	177	147	1,082	1,099
1942	250	225	193	200	2,758	206	264	235	196	1,173	1,211
1943	282	247	203	211	3,118	256	330			1,244	1,316
	(a)	(a)	(d)	(d)	(a)	(c)	(c)				
1939 August	173	158	137	131	1,903	103	104	128	110	993	977
1943 July	-	-	204	211	3,107	245	305	310	259	1,248	1,317
August	284	249	204	211	3,154	247	306	315	267	1,253	1,329
September	-	-	204	212	3,156	262	341	323	278	1,259	1,337
October	-	-	205	212	3,162	260	328	332	292	1,258	1,330
November	294	261	205	213	3,176	259	326	329	284	1,256	1,323
December	-	-	205	213	3,182	259	324	325	276	1,262	1,332
1944 January	-	-	206	213	3,126	263	329	327	276	1,264	1,338
February	296	263	206	214	3,133	263	331	332	283	1,272	1,357
March	-	-	206	214		265	331	339	288	1,283	1,379
April	-	-	207	215		266	330	338	286	1,291	1,401
May	292	256				270	338	341	288	1,292	1,401
June	-	-				268	331				

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month. (d) Last week of month

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COUNTRY	INDIA		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND	PERU		CHILE		ARGENTINA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living, Tokyo		Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago	Cost of Living Buenos Aires	Foods Buenos Aires
Base Period	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34	July, 1914	Jan.- June/39	July/36 June/39	July/36 June/39	1926- 1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928	1939	1939
1913	-	-	-		-	-	-	100	100	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-		-	-	101.9	210	208	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	199		(e)	(e)	101.0	201	182	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	181		115.0	115.5	100.4	177	159	109	119	-	-
1932	-	-	137		-	-	83.8	151	143	114	115	-	-
1933	-	-	146		-	-	79.5	(c)148	139	(d)141	147	88.8	-
1935	100	103	152		-	-	83.7	152	147	144	155	89.1	-
1936	101	107	159		94.6	93.1	86.4	160	157	157	171	96.6	-
1937	106	114	174		97.3	96.3	92.2	170	173	176	205	99.1	-
1938	106	113	200		99.8	98.9	95.1	172	169	184	214	98.4	-
1939	106	114	224	(i)	102.9	104.8	99.0	170	159	187	210	100.0	-
1940	112	125	260	120	105.1	106.1	103.5	183	174	210	245	102.3	102.3
1941	124	140	-	122	111.1	108.4	107.3	198	197	242	281	105.0	105.2
1942	157	180	-	125	117.6	111.8	110.9	222	220	304	367	110.9	115.1
1943	229			133	126.7	120.3	(f)100.2	242	244	354	434	112.1	116.6
			(b)	(b)				1934-1936=100					
1939 August	105	112	223		-	-	(f)	(g)	(g)	186	206	-	-
1943 July	236	262		133	-	121.6	-	159	165	360	447	106.1	111.1
August	238			133	-	117.4	-	162	170	361	442	106.5	112.0
September	245			135	127.8	116.7	99.6	162	171	365	448	107.4	113.6
October	248			136	-	116.7	-	163	171	368	449	107.6	114.0
November	248			137	-	116.0	-	166	171	365	440	109.6	117.7
December	247			137	126.6	115.8	100.1	167	172	359	429	109.0	116.5
1944 January				139	-	116.7	-	171	180	365	439		
February				139	-	116.6	-	172	182	361	429		
March					126.8	116.8	100.5	173	174				
April					-	116.7	-	175	179				
May					-	116.9	-	180	187				
June					126.9	118.5		182	187				

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

(e) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (f) New wartime price series on base December 1942=100, computed quarterly, beginning March 1943. (g) New series. 1943 averages are 164 and 159 respectively for cost of living and food.

(i) Source: League of Nations Bulletin of Statistics.



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