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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1946

World wholesale price levels in June, 1946, approximately ten months after V-J Day, showed a renewal of advances which had been interrupted in 1945. Price increases considerably outnumbered declines, and the latter were smaller than in the second half of 1945 when declines had been preponderant. It is of interest to note that in the latter half of 1919, the corresponding period following the end of World War I, price movements showed a sharp recovery from early post-war recession. This tendency developed into an inflationary advance which continued to the middle of 1920. While upturns in the first half of 1946 were not generally commensurate with those in the latter half of 1919, tendencies in price behaviour during these two periods were similar.

In Canada and the United States, wholesale price levels advanced 5.0 and 5.4 p.c. respectively between December, 1945 and June, 1946. These were the largest increases recorded for any comparable period of time since general price control regulations were established in 1941 and 1942. Wholesale price series in both countries showed contrasts to price movements in the wartime period, when farm products prices contributed most heavily to gains. In the United States Bureau of Labor index, agricultural and non-agricultural products shared almost equally in the advance throughout the first half of 1946. In Canada, gains for industrial products were considerably greater than for farm products.

The United Kingdom Board of Trade wholesale index showed a rise of 2.4 p.c. between December, 1945 and June, 1946. Industrial materials and manufactures were chiefly responsible for the advance, with a total increase of 3.5 p.c., as compared with 0.5 p.c. for food and tobacco. Sweden and Switzerland continued to record declines, but these were smaller than in 1945.

Index numbers for Australia and South Africa showed small gains, in contrast to losses registered in the preceding six months. The wholesale price index for Calcutta, India advanced 14.1 p.c. between December, 1945 and June, 1946, reaching the highest level since October, 1943.

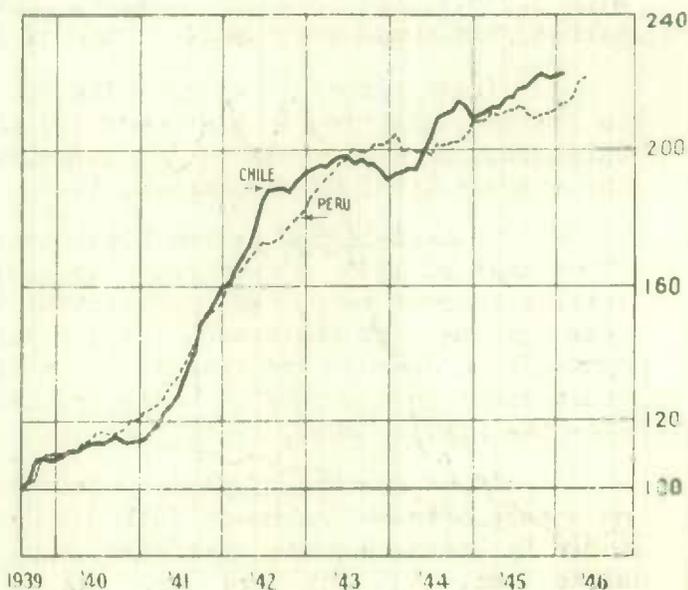
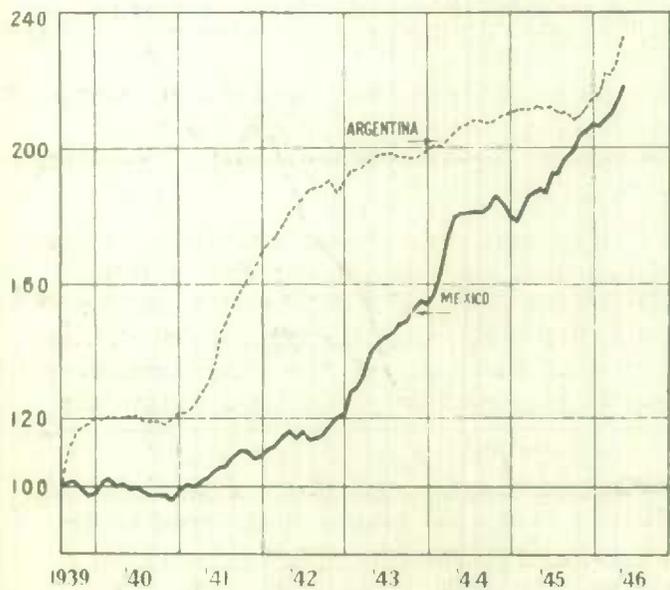
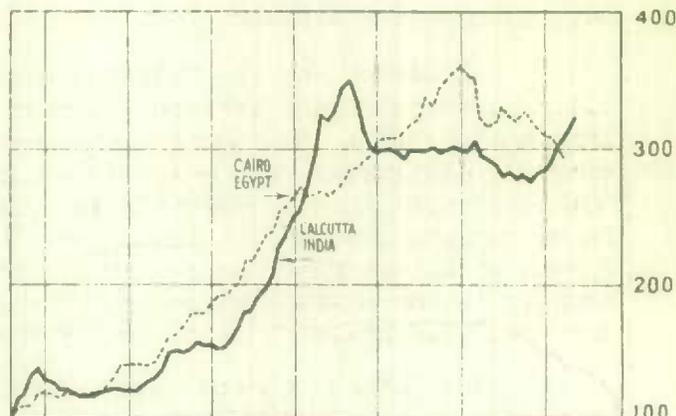
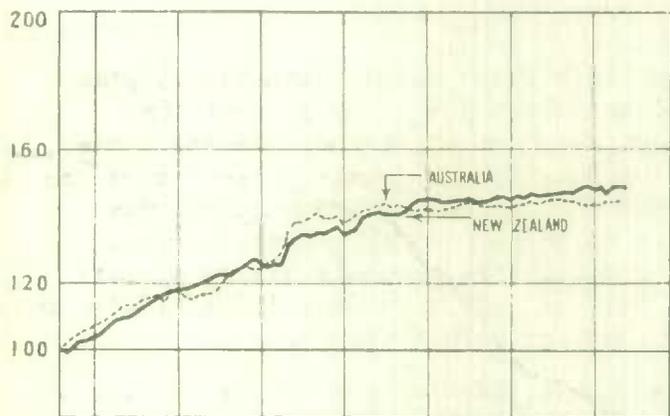
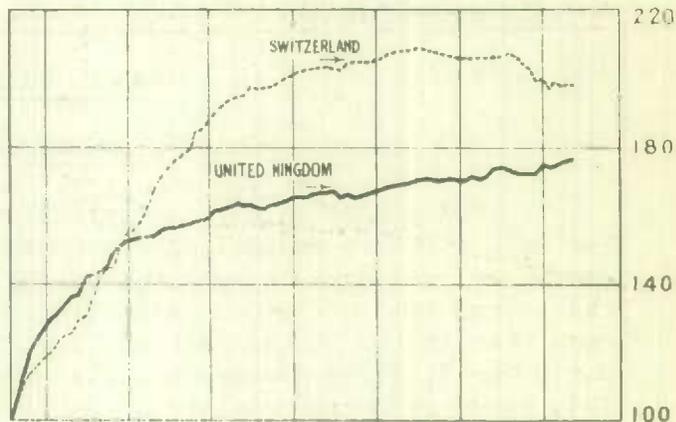
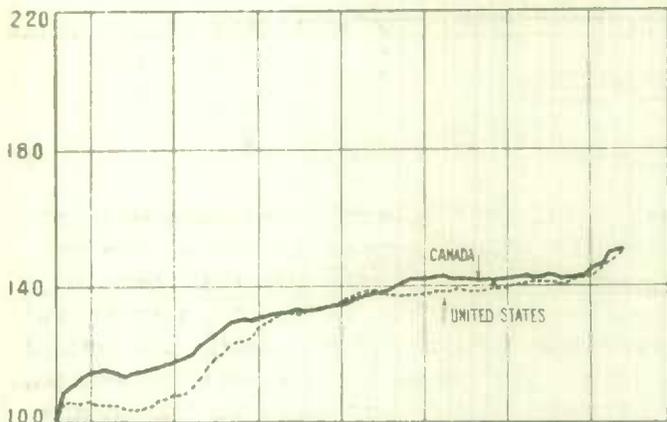
Cost-of-living series also recorded larger gains and fewer declines in the first half of 1946. Advances of 2.9 p.c. and 2.6 p.c. for Canada and the United States, respectively, were substantial compared with changes which have been the rule for the past two years. In the United States, temporary suspension of O.P.A. controls on June 30 was followed by a sharp rise of 5.8 p.c. in the July consumers' price index to a level 1.43 p.c. higher than August, 1939 and only 5.6 p.c. below the all-time high of June, 1920.

Index numbers of living costs in the United Kingdom and Switzerland showed no change between December, 1945 and June, 1946. Large increases continued to be shown by Latin-American countries, e.g., 14.1 p.c. for Mexico, and 4.3 p.c. for Lima, Peru.

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

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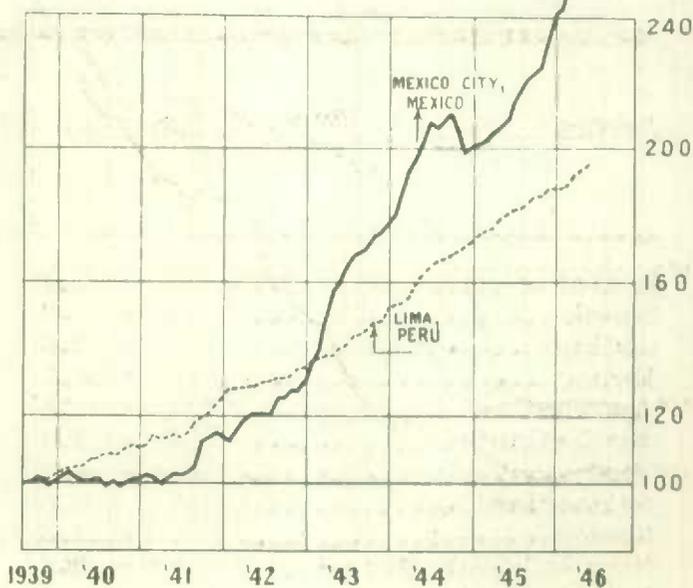
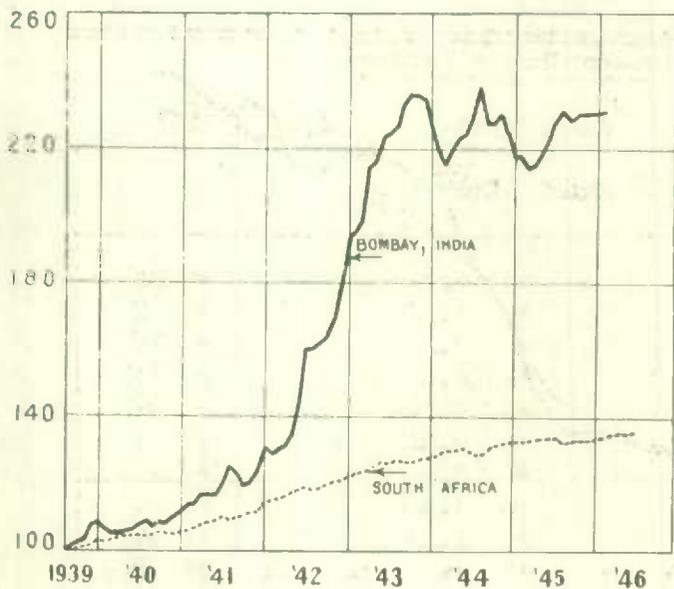
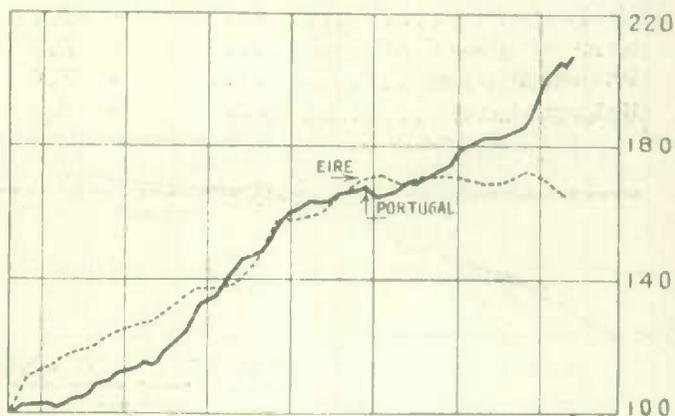
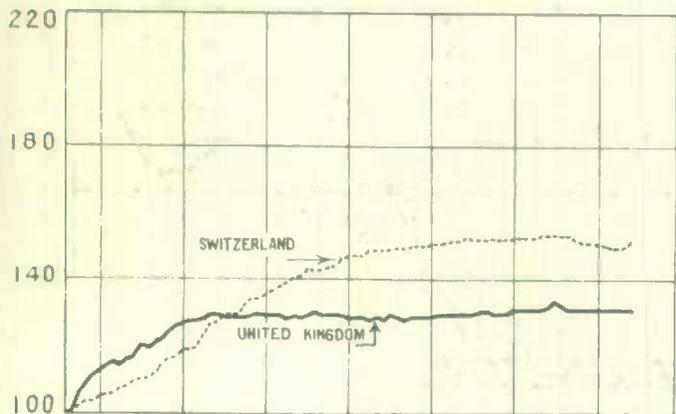
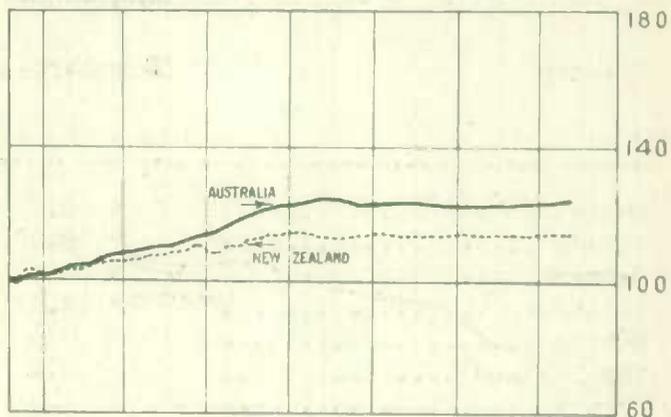
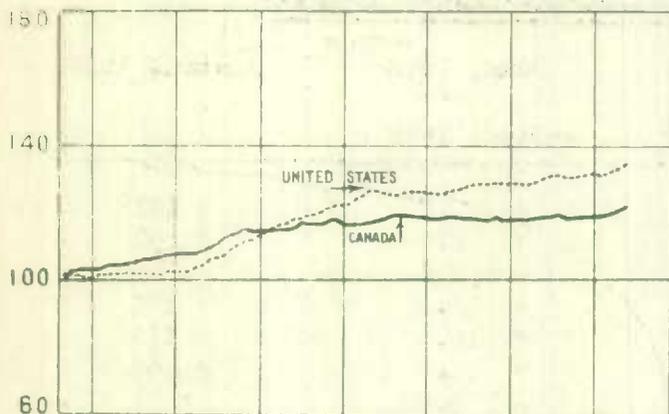
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

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CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

FIRST HALF OF 1946

Country	Percentage Change Between		
	December, 1945	June, 1945	August, 1939
	- June, 1946 -		
Argentina	+ 9.6	+ 9.9	+ 133
Canada	+ 5.0	+ 4.9	+ 51
Denmark	+ 0.5	- 3.8	+ 85
India	+ 14.1	+ 12.5	+ 223
Mexico	+ 6.5	+ 16.6	+ 119
New Zealand	- 0.2	+ 1.7	+ 49
Norway	+ 1.8	- 5.6	+ 72
Peru	+ 5.2	+ 4.9	+ 121
Sweden	- 2.1	- 5.6	+ 68
Switzerland	- 0.6	- 3.9	+ 98
Union of South Africa	+ 2.3	+ 1.3	+ 63
United Kingdom	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 77
United States	+ 5.4	+ 6.4	+ 51

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

FIRST HALF OF 1946

Country	Percentage Change Between		
	December, 1945	June, 1945	August, 1939
	- June, 1946 -		
Australia	+ 1.4	+ 1.7	+ 25
Canada	+ 2.9	+ 3.3	+ 23
Iceland	+ 2.5	+ 6.2	+ 183
Mexico	+ 14.1	+ 26.3	+ 164
Newfoundland	+ 2.5	+ 1.2	+ 56
New Zealand	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 14
Peru	+ 4.3	+ 8.4	+ 95
Switzerland	0.0	- 1.4	+ 51
Sweden	+ 1.3	+ 1.3	+ 44
Union of South Africa	+ 2.2	+ 1.7	+ 36
United Kingdom	0.0	- 0.5	+ 31
United States	+ 2.6	+ 3.3	+ 35

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		NORTH AMERICA					
COUNTRY		CANADA					
		Dominion Bureau of Statistics					
AUTHORITY	General Index		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Canadian Farm Products
No. of Commodities	508 (a)		207	366	213	297	
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	64.1
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	160.6
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	100.8
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	51.0
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	73.6
1939	75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	64.3
1940	82.9	129.5	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	67.1
1941	90.0	140.6	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	71.2
1942	95.6	149.3	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9	82.5
1943	100.0	156.2	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	95.9
1944	102.5	160.1	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6	102.9
1945	103.6	161.8	98.1	100.7	105.6	94.0	106.8
1939 August	72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4
1945 July	104.6(b)	163.4(b)	99.2(b)	100.9(b)	107.4(b)	94.0(b)	108.0(b)
August	104.0(b)	162.4(b)	98.7	100.6(b)	106.6(b)	94.0(b)	109.1(b)
September	103.3(b)	161.4(b)	97.9	100.3(b)	105.2(b)	94.0(b)	108.3(b)
October	103.6(b)	161.8(b)	98.3	100.3(b)	105.6(b)	94.1(b)	108.7(b)
November	103.9(b)	162.3(b)	98.6	100.4(b)	106.0(b)	94.3(b)	109.3(b)
December	103.9(b)	162.3(b)	98.4	101.1(b)	106.0(b)	94.3(b)	109.4(b)
1946 January	104.6	163.4	97.8	102.1	106.8	95.3	109.6
February	105.2	164.3	98.1	103.3	106.9	95.4	110.3
March	105.6	164.9	99.0	103.5	107.0	95.9	110.3
April	108.2	169.0	100.8	105.1	108.0	98.5	110.7
May	108.6	169.6	100.8	105.0	108.6	98.5	111.5
June	109.1	170.4	101.3	106.2	109.7	98.5	112.7

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510. (b) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA			SOUTH AMERICA		
COUNTRY	UNITED STATES	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	
AUTHORITY	Bureau of Labor Statistics		Banco de			
	General Index	Farm Products Index	Official	La Nacion	Official	Official
No. of Commodities	889(a)	67	32	108		58
Base Period	1926	1926	1929	1926	1913	1913
1913	69.8	71.5	-	75.5	100.0	100
1920	154.4	150.7	-	-	-	239
1926	100.0(a)	100.0	-	100.0	-	203
1929	95.3	104.9	100.0	96.4	192.8	186
1933	66.0	51.4	89.8	85.6	346.0	180
1938	78.6	68.5	126.3	105.5	432.1	205
1939	77.1	65.3	127.0	108.2	420.7	215
1940	78.6	67.7	128.2	123.4	464.1	248
1941	87.3	82.4	135.8	145.1	541.3	290
1942	98.8	105.9	148.3	187.6	736.0	367
1943	103.1	122.6	182.4	202.4(c)	811.8	421
1944	104.0	123.3	226.9	211.3	838.1	226(b)
1945	105.8	128.2	246.9	217.2	892.1	236(b)
1939 August	75.0	61.0	129.1	102.9	414.0	1934-36=100
1945 July	105.9	129.0	249.5	218.1	892.7	238
August	105.7	126.9	248.9	216.6	902.3	240
September	105.2	124.3	253.7	217.0	905.7	236
October	105.9	127.3	256.7	214.9	915.1	235
November	106.8	131.1	263.0	215.6	921.1	236
December	107.1	131.5	265.2	218.4	915.4	236
1946 January	107.1	129.9	267.2	220.7	916.8	237
February	107.7	130.8	266.7	222.5	920.5	240
March	108.9	133.4	269.5	228.7	930.4	240
April	110.2	135.4	272.0	228.0	949.9	242
May	111.0	137.5	276.0	231.2		248
June	112.9	140.1	282.4	239.3		249

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.

(b) New series. 1943 average is 219.

(c) Revised

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	EUROPE					
COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM		SWITZERLAND	GERMANY	SWEDEN	SPAIN
AUTHORITY	Board of Trade	Economist	Federal Labour Department	Federal Statistical Office	Commerce Department	Official
No. of Commodities	200	10(d)	78	400	160	106
Base Period	1930	1935	July, 1914	1913	1935(e)	1913
1913	-	150.2	-	100.0	100(e)	100.0
1920	(c) 307.3	290.5	-	136.7 July	359(e)	323.4
1926	(c) 148.1	199.1	144.5	(a) 134.4	149(e)	174.8
1929	(c) 136.5	166.2	141.2	137.2	140(e)	167.7
1933	85.7	90.9	91.0	93.3	107(e)	159.1
1938	101.4	101.1	107.1	105.7	111	212.0
1939	102.8	109.4	111.2	106.9	115	241.9
1940	133.6	133.5	143.0	110	146	288.8
1941	152.6	137.4	183.5	112	172	341.5
1942	159.4	142.2	209.6	114	189	375.4
1943	162.8	147.2	218.2	116	196	419.0
1944	166.2	156.7	222.6	118 (f)	196	450.6
1945	169.0	164.9	220.6		194	
		(b)	(b)			
1939 August	98.1	106.4	107.4	107	111	244.2
1945 July	170.8	167.6	222.1		196	495.2
August	170.6	167.6	223.0		194	503.3
September	169.6	168.6	222.1		191	514.8
October	169.4	168.6	219.7		191	530.2
November	169.4	168.6	218.5		191	
December	169.3	168.5	214.3		190	
1946 January	171.9	172.9	215.2		184	
February	171.6	173.1	212.5		185	
March	171.9	-	213.8		184	
April	172.5	181.2	212.8		184	
May	173.0	181.2	213.2		185	
June	173.4	197.4	213.1		186	

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (d) Sensitive commodities.
 (e) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116. (f) Average, January-November.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

	E	U	R	O	P	E	
COUNTRY	BULGARIA		DENMARK		FINLAND	FRANCE	NORWAY
AUTHORITY	Official		Department of Statistics		Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistique Generale	Central Bureau of Statistics
No. of Commodities	72		118		296	135	95
Base Period	1939(a)		1935		1935	1938 (b)	1938
1913	-		-		-	-	-
1920	-		-		-	-	-
1926	2973(a)		117		-	-	-
1929	3304(a)		108		108	-	97
1933	1731(a)		90		99	-	80
1938	2164(a)		112		114	100	100
1939	100		118		120	104	102
1940	116		172		161	132	133
1941	148		203		197	159	163
1942	188		213		243	188	172
1943	237		214		276	218	175
1944	345		217		305	252	177
1945	550		213		438	366	177
1939 August	-		111		117	-	98
1945 July	564		212		421	373	178
August	563		211		489	393(c)	178
September	565		209		515	429(c)	180
October	566		206		577	447	177
November	569		204		596	455	178
December	587		204		607	461	166
1946 January	596		204		614	457	167
February	598		202		619	461	167
March	600		204		633	515	165
April	601		205		690		166
May	602		204				170
June			205				169

(a) Prior to 1939, base 1914=100. 1939 average is 2109 and August, 1939 index is 2158.

(b) Provisional index numbers based on 1941 consumption weights. (c) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
	INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT	
AUTHORITY	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo	
No. of Commodities	72		180	188	23	
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1913-July, 1914	
1913	-	-	-	100.0	-	
1920	201	-	153.6	223.3	316	
1926	148	(c)	105.3	123.3	132	
1929	141	110.3	98.8	115.1	116	
1933	87	-	90.4	93.1	71	
1938	95	100.5	103.6	104.4	91	
1939	108	101.1	107.1	101.9	88	
1940	120	104.7	119.5	113.2	100	
1941	139	114.0	131.1	124.3	130	
1942	185	124.2	141.6	139.5	181	
1943	307	137.3	151.3	151.6	228	
1944	298	139.6	155.8	157.0	270	
1945	289	140.5	158.4	159.2	274	
	(a)		(b)			
1939 August	100	97.9	108.4	(d) 99.8	83	
1945 July	281	141.7 (e)	158.7	160.6	275	
August	283	141.8 (e)	159.1	160.7	269	
September	279	141.5 (e)	159.2	160.7	266	
October	280	141.1 (e)	159.4	160.6	270	
November	277	140.4	160.5	160.3	264	
December	283	139.9	161.3	159.0	261	
1946 January	284	140.3	160.3	159.7	256	
February	299	140.3	160.5	159.9	255	
March	302	141.3	158.8	159.3	250	
April	304	141.3	161.1	159.1	244	
May	313	141.3	161.3	162.7		
June	323		161.0			

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) July, 1939. (e) Revised.

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

CONTINENT	N O R T H A M E R I C A							
COUNTRY	CANADA		UNITED STATES				MEXICO	
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board		Official	
Base Period	Cost of Living	Foods	Consumers' Price Index(d)	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1923	1923	1934	1934
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	118.2	136.2	-	-
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	110.6	-	-
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	100.1	106.9	-	-
1933	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	67.8	-	-
1938	102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	85.7	78.7	153.3	157.9
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	84.5	76.6	155.4	156.2
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.3	77.7	157.3	153.6
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.0	85.3	163.9	158.5
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	100.9	188.3	179.0
1943	118.4	130.7	123.6(c)	138.0	103.3	112.6	246.6	229.8
1944	118.9	131.3	125.5	136.1	104.6	110.9	310.0	297.2
1945	119.5	133.0	128.4	139.1	106.3	113.0	332.6	319.8
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)		
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.0	75.3	156.0	157.4
1945 July	120.3	135.6	129.4	141.7	106.9	114.9	333.6	320.8
August	120.5	136.2	129.3	140.9	106.6	113.9	340.1	328.6
September	119.9	134.2	128.9	139.4	106.2	112.9	344.4	333.9
October	119.7	133.3	128.9	139.3	106.3	112.8	347.7	337.7
November	119.9	134.0	129.3	140.1	106.7	113.9	350.9	341.3
December	120.1	134.3	129.9	141.4	107.1	114.9	361.2	354.0
1946 January	119.9	132.8	129.9	141.0	-	-	377.3	374.5
February	119.9	132.5	129.6	139.6	(e)	(e)	378.4	375.3
March	120.1	133.1	130.2	140.1	106.7	113.8	385.2	381.5
April	120.8	135.1	130.9	141.7	-	-	390.4	386.8
May	122.0	137.7	131.7	142.6	-	-	400.5	398.4
June	123.6	142.1	133.3	145.6	108.2	116.2	412.1	412.0

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (d) Since August, 1945, "Consumers' Price Index for Moderate-Income Families in Large Cities." (c) Revised. (e) Beginning 1946, computed quarterly.

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

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA		EUROPE				
	COUNTRY	NEWFOUNDLAND	UNITED KINGDOM		IRELAND		SWITZERLAND
Nature of Index	Official	Minister of Labour	105 Towns and Localities		34 Towns		
	Cost of Living, St. John's	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	October, 1938	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
1917	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	249	256	-	-	224	242
1926	-	172	164	185	179	162	160
1929	-	164	154	176	169	161	156
1933	-	140	120	151	131	131	117
1938	-	156	141	173	159	137	130
1939	104.4(b)	158	141	178	163	138	132
1940	-	184	164	205	183	151	146
1941	128.2(b)	199	168	226	202	174	175
1942	140.3	200	161	250	225	193	200
1943	149.1	199	166	282	247	203	211
1944	160.7	201	168	295	262	207	215
1945	160.4	203	169	295	263	209	215
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)
1939 August	-	155	137	173	158	137	131
1945 July	164.4	207	176	-	-	210	217
August	166.2	205	172	293	261	210	216
September	158.3	203	169	-	-	210	216
October	158.2	203	169	-	-	208	213
November	159.0	203	169	298	271	207	210
December	159.0	203	169	-	-	207	210
1946 January	159.5	203	169	-	-	207	210
February	162.2	203	169	294	266	206	208
March	162.9	203	169	-	-	205	206
April	163.3	203	169	-	-	205	206
May	163.5	204	169	287	257	206	208
June	163.0	203	169	-	-	207	209

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

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CONTINENT	E	U	R	O	P	E		
COUNTRY	BULGARIA		DENMARK		FINLAND		SWEDEN	
	12		100		36		49	
	Towns(a)		Localities		Towns		Towns	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Cost of Living	
		Foods		Foods		Foods		Foods
Base Period	1939		1935		1935		1935(c)	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	(d)	-
1920	-	-	(d)	-	-	-	269(c)	293(c)
1926	2,629(b)	2,813(b)	108	-	119	-	172(c)	158(c)
1929	2,941(b)	2,992(b)	101	-	123	-	169(c)	149(c)
1933	2,006(b)	1,680(b)	93	-	100	-	153(c)	121(c)
1938	1,767(b)	1,898(b)	107	108	108	106	106	112
1939	100	100	109	-	111	109	109	115
1940	112	113	136	-	132	123	123	131
1941	135	143	157	169	155	139	139	149
1942	178	199	164	169	183	151	151	162
1943	226	268	166	167	206	153	153	160
1944	339	423	168	168	219	154	154	160
1945	509	641	170	170	307	155	155	158
1939 August	-	-	107(e)	108(e)	109	108	108	114
1945 July	500(f)	620	170	170	306	-	-	-
August	487(f)	599	-	-	341	-	-	-
September	490(f)	603	-	-	354	155	155	159
October	504(f)	615	170	169	422	-	-	-
November	523(f)	651	-	-	434	-	-	-
December	537(f)	672	-	-	440	154	154	157
1946 January	551	-	169	169	461	-	-	-
February	577	-	-	-	461	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	469	154	154	157
April	573	735	-	-	473	-	-	-
May	571	731	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	156	156	161

(a) Workingman's family. (b) Old series, 1914=100. 1939 averages are 1808 and 1832 for Cost of Living and Foods respectively. (c) July, 1914=100, prior to 1935. (d) Includes direct taxation. (e) July quarter, 1939. (f) Revised

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CONTINENT	EUROPE			AFRICA		ASIA			
COUNTRY	PORTUGAL	ICELAND		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA	INDIA		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Cost of Living Foods Reykjavik		Cost of Living, Cairo	Foods, Cairo	Cost of Living, 9 Towns	Foods, 9 Towns	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods, Bombay
Base Period	June 1914	Jan.-March, 1939		Jan. 1913- July, 1914		1938=1000		July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34
1915	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458	1,660	-	-
1926	-	-	-	160	158(b)	1,063	1,096	-	-
1929	2,361	-	-	151	146	1,066	1,072	-	-
1933	1,948	-	-	125	101	932	917	-	-
1938	2,037	-	-	131	115	1,000	1,000	106	113
1939	1,318	103	104	131	112	999	993	106	114
1940	2,009	128	136	143	118	1,034	1,025	112	125
1941	2,268	160	189	177	147	1,082	1,099	124	140
1942	2,758	206	264	235	196	1,173	1,211	157	180
1943	3,118	256	330	310	264	1,244	1,316	230	253
1944	3,208	268	334	351	304	1,288	1,374	237	-
1945	3,479	277	342	370	315	1,322	1,406	235	271
	(a)	(c)	(c)						
1939 August	1,903	103	104	128	110	993	977	105	112
1945 July	3,476	275	337	369	314	1,330	1,435	240	281
August	3,482	275	334	373	322	1,318	1,395	243	287
September	3,496	278	340	375	327	1,319	1,399	240	281
October	3,516	285	354	371	314	1,324	1,398	242	284
November	3,550	284	351	367	307	1,323	1,393	242	285
December	3,599	285	351	366	304	1,323	1,392	242	286
1946 January	3,718	285	351	367	305	1,328	1,406	242	285
February	3,817	285	350	366	303	1,336	1,429	243	288
March	3,863	285	349	363	299	1,345	1,451	-	-
April	3,912	285	349	360	296	1,349	1,470	-	-
May	3,886	287	350	-	-	1,347	1,465	-	-
June	3,951	292	357	-	-	1,352	1,471	-	-

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month.

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CONTINENT	A S I A		O C E A N I A		CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA			
COUNTRY	PALESTINE	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	JAMAICA	TRINIDAD			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Arab & Jewish	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Kingston	Foods, Kingston	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	Jan. 1942(g)	July, 1936	June, 1939	1926-1930	August, 1939	1935	1935	1935
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	101.9	-	-	-	-
1926	-	(c)	(c)	101.0	-	-	-	-
1929	-	115.0	115.5	100.4	-	-	-	-
1933	-	-	-	79.5	-	-	-	-
1938	-	99.8	98.9	95.1	-	-	-	-
1939	-	102.9	104.8	99.0	-	-	-	-
1940	-	105.1	106.1	103.5	120.5	123.7	129	-
1941	-	111.1	108.4	107.3	135.2	133.1	140	-
1942	110	117.6	111.8	110.9	152.2	144.4	159	154(h)
1943	133	126.7	120.3	100.2(d)	157.1	143.9	184	191(h)
1944	138	127.0	117.2	100.3(d)	159.1	139.2	195	205
1945	147	127.0	117.9	100.4	158.7	143.0	196	208
		(a)		(d)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)
1939 August	(g)	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	108	-
1945 July	146	-	119.2	-	159.7	145.0	195	207
August	147	-	119.2	-	159.9	147.6	195	207
September	148	127.0	118.6	100.1	159.8	147.6	195	207
October	149	-	118.1	-	159.2	147.7	198	213
November	147	-	117.8	-	155.9	143.6	198	213
December	148	127.3	117.7	100.3	159.3	148.8	200	217
1946 January	149	-	118.0	-	157.2	145.2	200	217
February	148	-	118.5	-	156.4	143.1	200	217
March	147	127.9	119.1	100.9	157.6	144.8	200	217
April	152	-	119.2	-	157.5	145.2	198	214
May	149	-	119.2	-	160.7	149.2	199	-
June	-	129.1	119.2	100.7	-	-	202	220

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) Quarterly wartime index, December 1942=100. December, 1942, old series, = 112.8. (e) End of month. (f) First of month. (g) On base Pre-war=100, January, 1942 is 175. (h) July.

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CONTINENT		CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA						
COUNTRY	ARGENTINA		COLOMBIA		CHILE		PERU	
Nature of Index	Cost of		Cost of		Cost of		Cost of	
	Living, Buenos Aires	Foods, Buenos Aires	Living, Bogota	Foods, Bogota	Living, Santiago	Foods, Santiago	Living, Lima	Foods, Lima
Base Period	1939	1939	February, 1937		March, 1928	March, 1928	1913	1913
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	210	208
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	201	182
1929	-	-	-	-	109	119	177	159
1933	88.8	-	-	-	(b) 141	147	(a) 148	139
1938	98.4	-	113.4	112.5	184	214	172	169
1939	100.0	100.0	118.4	119.8	187	210	170	159
1940	102.3	102.3	114.6	113.9	210	245	183	174
1941	105.0	105.2	113.0	110.1	242	281	198	197
1942	110.9	115.1	122.8	121.6	304	367	222	220
1943	112.1	116.6	142.3	143.4	354	434	242	244
1944	109.6	117.2	167.8	182.1	395	465	(c) 181	(c) 187
1945	131.3	139.9	190.6	204.5	430	495	(c) 202	(c) 209
							1934-1936=100	
1939 August	99.5	-	115.8	116.7	186	206	(c)	(c)
1945 July	133.9	145.4	188.2	200.7	427	485	203	209
August	132.7	143.1	187.0	199.3	430	493	204	210
September	133.5	144.6	186.7	197.6	449	535	205	210
October	133.6	144.4	183.3	192.5	462	564	208	215
November	133.8	144.8	183.3	191.7	439	503	208	216
December	136.9	148.3	187.1	196.8	445	517	210	218
1946 January	-	-	195.7	207.7	449	523	211	219
February	-	-	200.6	213.7	446	517	211	219
March	-	-	209.5	224.7	450	522	212	219
April	-	-	209.7	225.0	460	528	215	219
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	217	220
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	219	220

(a) Since October, 1933, including heating. (b) Revised index, including rent. (c) New series. 1943 averages are 164 and 159 respectively for cost of living and food.

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