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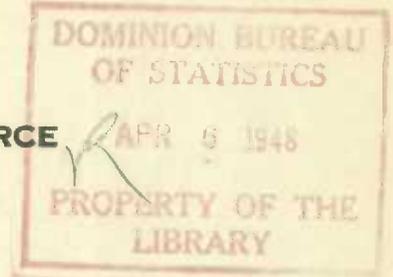
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SECOND HALF OF 1947

Wholesale price index numbers for most countries advanced to new post-war high points in the second half of 1947, with increases during this six-month period ranging from 3 to 35 p.c. Annual increases for 1947 were generally larger than for 1946. Some series, notably those for the United States, France and Czechoslovakia, recorded smaller annual gains in 1947, but these were cases where 1946 increases had been exceptional.

The rate of increase in the United States Bureau of Labor wholesale price series accelerated in the second half of 1947 after a gradual rise in the first six months. A June-December rise of 10.6 p.c. left the index only 2.5 p.c. below the May, 1920 figure, which marked the peak level following World War I. However, price increases throughout 1947 were less rapid than the sharp advances which had occurred after the general suspension of commodity controls in mid-1946. The rise of 15.8 p.c. recorded for 1947 was about half the net increase accumulated in 1946. The whole price picture in the United States, has, of course been modified by the sharp February 1948 break in primary commodity markets.

The Canadian wholesale price index rose 12.3 p.c. from June to December, 1947. An increase of 28.1 p.c. for the year was the largest percentage increase to be recorded for any single year by this series. The December index was 12.7 p.c. below the 1920 peak of 164.3 recorded in May. The January 1948 figure corresponding was 146.9, and the February index will not show any substantial change.

Wholesale prices in the United Kingdom mounted 7.2 p.c. between June and December, 1947, according to the Board of Trade index. The twelve months' rise of 13.1 p.c. was the largest annual increase recorded since 1940. Food and tobacco prices which had maintained comparative stability since 1940 were up 9.8 p.c. in 1947, while foods alone rose 6.5 p.c. in response to higher prices for supplies from overseas. Industrial materials and manufactures rose 14.9 p.c. in 1947 in acceleration of the rise induced in 1946 by higher prices for imported raw materials.

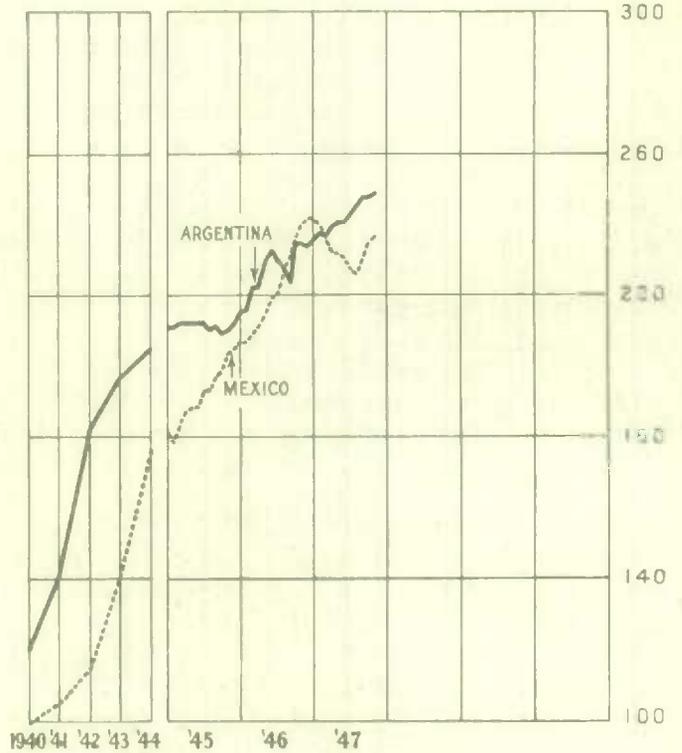
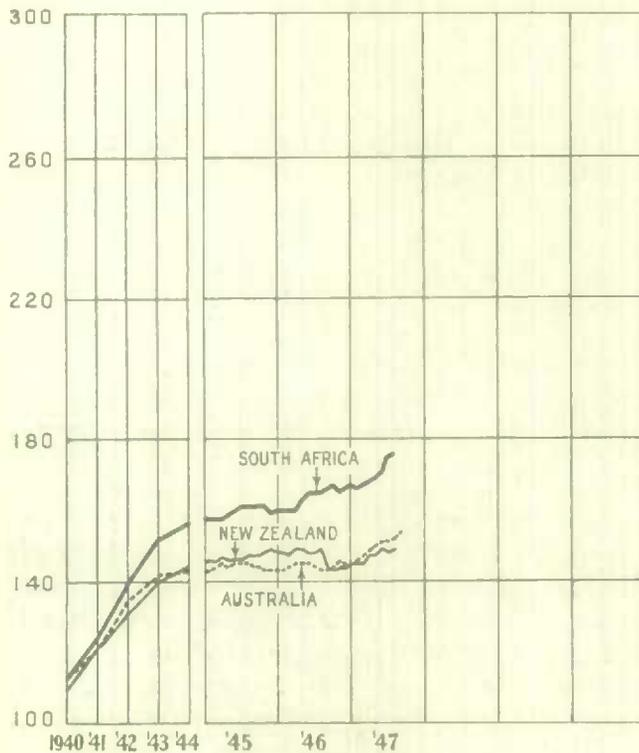
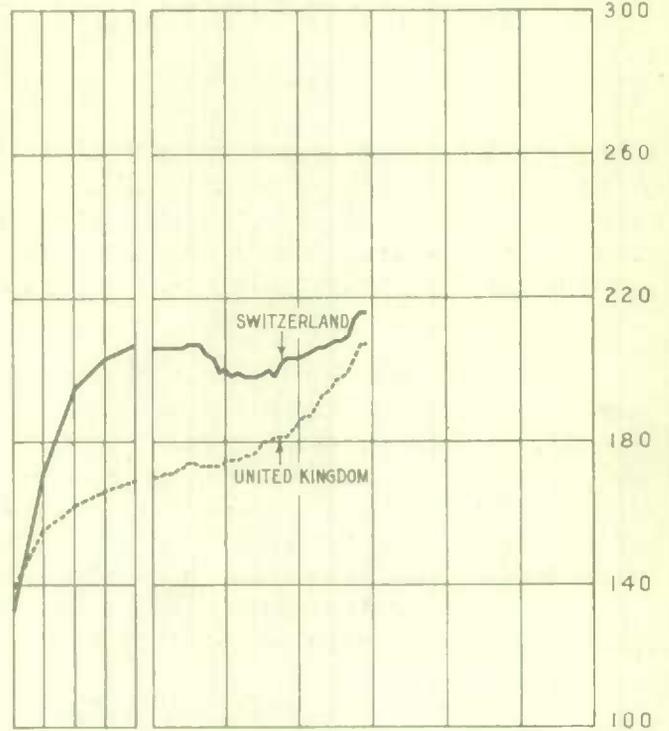
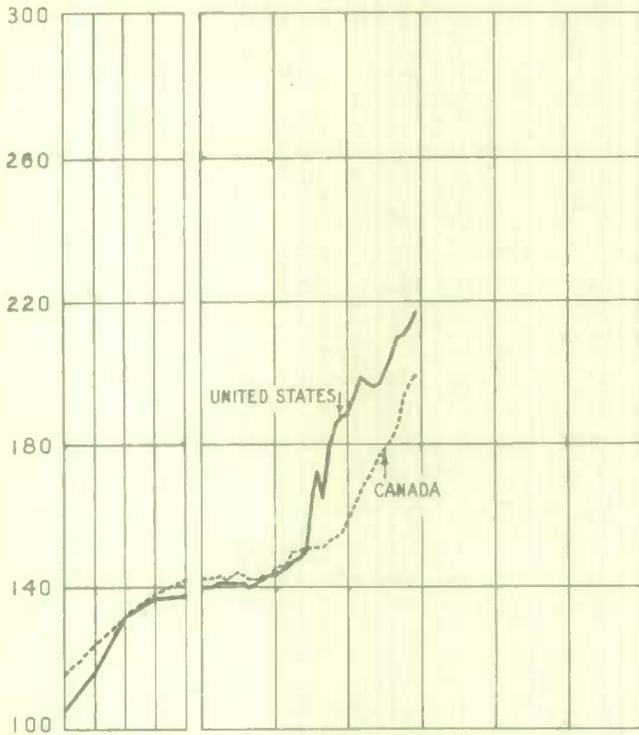
The behaviour of prices in Mexico during 1947 offered a contrast to movements in most countries. A rise in the Mexican index in the second half did not offset earlier declines; the November index showed a 2 p.c. loss for the year to date in contrast to a gain of 18 p.c. in 1946.

Among cost-of-living series, Czechoslovakia and Norway showed declines in the second half of 1947 and for the year as a whole. Other European series continued to record moderate increases with the exception of countries where current index numbers are upwards of ten times pre-war levels, e.g., France and Italy. The new interim index of retail prices for the United Kingdom rose 4 p.c. from June to December. Cost-of-living series for Canada and the United States accelerated their rise in the second half of 1947, with increases of 8.2 p.c. and 6.3 p.c. respectively. Available index numbers for Australia and New Zealand recorded moderate increases in the first three quarters of the year. Price controls in both countries were retained throughout 1947. In New Zealand many subsidies were cancelled in 1947, but subsidy payments were continued on bread, butter, milk, tea, eggs and coal.

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

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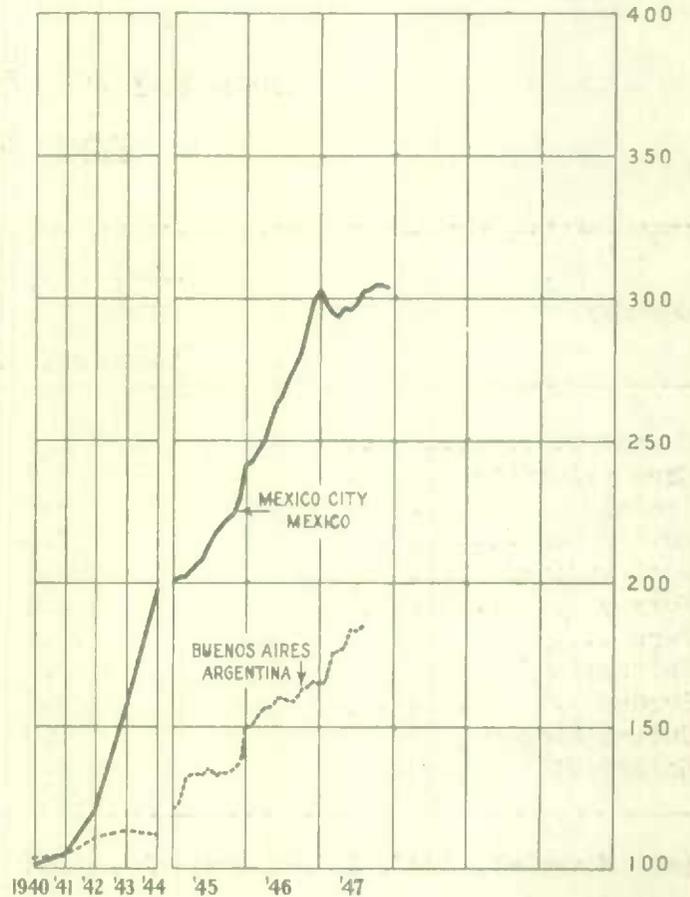
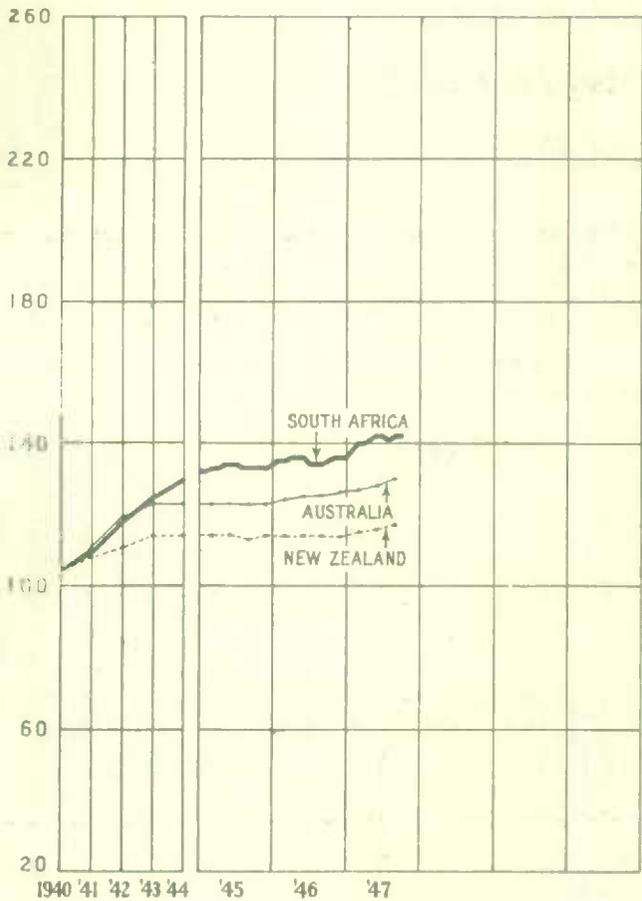
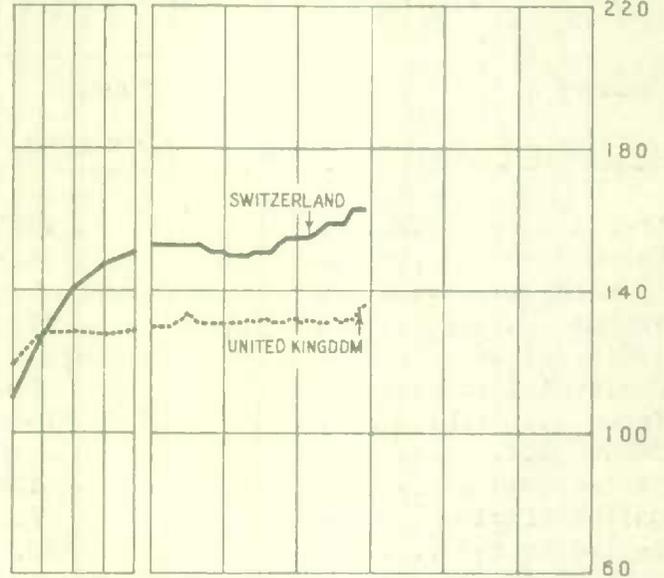
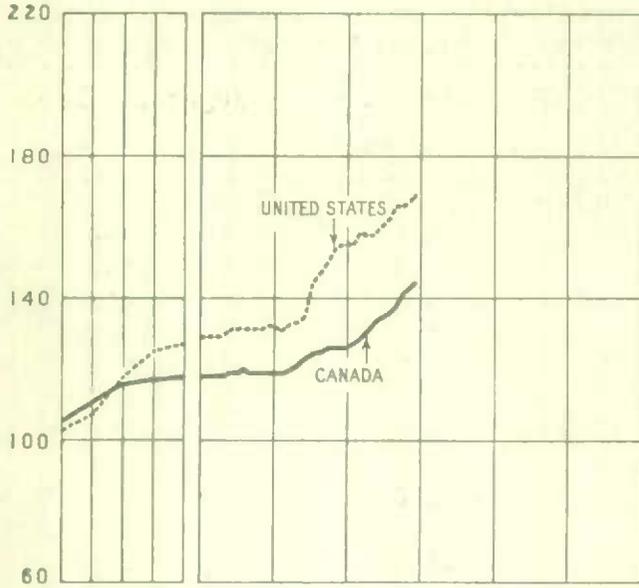
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

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CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1947

Country	Percentage Change Between -		
	June, 1947	December, 1946	August, 1939
	December, 1947	December, 1947	December, 1947
Canada	+ 12.3	+ 28.1	+ 98
Czechoslovakia	+ 3.7	+ 1.8	+ 180
Denmark	+ 5.2	+ 9.0	+ 118
France	+ 34.6	+ 44.5	+ 1093
India (a)	+ 10.6	+ 10.6	+ 306
Mexico (a)	+ 3.0	- 2.2	+ 137
Peru	+ 16.4	+ 39.6	+ 250
Sweden	+ 2.5	+ 6.3	+ 84
Switzerland	+ 4.5	+ 6.3	+ 116
United Kingdom	+ 7.2	+ 13.1	+ 107
United States	+ 10.6	+ 15.8	+ 118

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1947

Country	Percentage Change Between -		
	June, 1947	December, 1946	August, 1939
	December, 1947	December, 1947	December, 1947
Canada	+ 8.2	+ 14.9	+ 45
Czechoslovakia	- 2.6	- 6.6	+ 179
Iceland	+ 5.8	+ 7.2	+ 218
Mexico (a)	+ 3.0	+ 2.2	+ 205
Newfoundland	+ 5.3	+ 9.1	+ 72
Norway	- 2.8	- 2.4	+ 56
Peru	+ 26.5	+ 46.1	+ 207
Switzerland	+ 2.7	+ 5.3	+ 63
Sweden	+ 1.9	+ 7.3	+ 56
United Kingdom	+ 4.0	-	-
United States	+ 6.3	+ 8.9	+ 69

(a) November, 1947, latest available figure.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT NORTH AMERICA							
C A N A D A							
Dominion Bureau of Statistics							
AUTHORITY	General Index		Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Canadian Farm Products
No. of Commodities	508(a)		206	365	212	296	
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
1939	75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	64.3
1940	82.9	129.3	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	67.6(b)
1941	90.0	140.6	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	72.8(b)
1942	95.6	149.3	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9	85.0(b)
1943	100.0	156.2	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	97.9(b)
1944	102.5	160.1	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6	107.1(b)
1945	103.6	161.8	98.1	100.7	105.6	94.0	103.7(b)
1946	108.7	169.8	101.1	105.7	109.5	98.8	111.9(b)
1939 August	72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4
1947 January	114.2	178.4	104.1	111.3	115.2	103.7	114.4
February	118.1	184.5	107.2	117.4	119.4	106.8	115.5
March	120.4	188.1	108.6	121.2	123.8	107.7	116.4
April	122.9	192.0	110.3	123.6	125.6	111.8	116.9
May	125.3	195.7	112.5	125.6	128.1	113.4	118.5
June	127.8	199.6	116.5	128.5	129.3	115.6	119.2
July	129.1	201.7	117.5	129.4	131.0	116.2	120.1
August	130.8	204.3	118.9	131.4	133.1	117.1	120.0
September	133.8	209.0	121.6	135.0	133.5	123.0	120.4
October	139.3	217.6	124.7	139.8	138.6	127.5	122.9
November	142.5	222.6	130.0	142.4	142.5	131.4	126.5
December	143.5	224.1	130.8	143.3	145.1	132.0	130.7

- (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		Official	Banco de	Official	Official
	General Index	Farm Products Index		La Nacion		
No. of Commodities	889(a)	67	32	108		58
Base Period	1926	1926	1929	1926	1913	1934-36(b)
1913	69.8	71.5	-	75.5	100.0	100(b)
1920	154.4	150.7	-	-	-	239(b)
1926	100.0(a)	100.0	-	100.0	-	203(b)
1929	95.3	104.9	100.0	96.4	192.8	186(b)
1933	66.0	51.4	89.8	85.6	346.0	180(b)
1939	77.1	65.3	127.0	108.2	420.7	114
1940	78.6	67.7	128.2	123.4	464.1	129
1941	87.3	82.4	135.8	145.1	541.3	152
1942	98.8	105.9	148.3	187.6	736.0	190
1943	103.1	122.6	182.4	202.4	811.8	219
1944	104.0	123.3	226.9	211.3	838.1	226
1945	105.8	128.2	246.9	217.3	892.1	236
1946	121.1	148.9	286.4	234.2	1030.0	254
	(c)	(c)		(c)	(c)	
1939 August	75.0	61.0	129.1	102.9	414.0	
1947 January	141.5	165.0	311.9	242.4	1186.3	286
February	144.6	170.4	310.0	245.3	1222.2	295
March	149.5	182.6	305.0	244.4	1235.8	303
April	147.7	177.0	299.6	246.5	1255.6	316
May	147.1	175.7	299.3	247.8	1278.1	321
June	147.6	177.9	297.1	248.4	1317.8	338
July	150.6	181.4	293.4	250.0	1359.2	353
August	153.6	181.7	292.3	253.1	1384.9	359
September	157.4	186.4	298.2	255.2	1425.0	372
October	158.5	189.7	303.5	255.2	1420.8	382
November	159.7	187.9	306.0	256.1		386
December	163.2	196.7				393

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

(b) Years 1913-33 on base 1913=100.

(c) Monthly average.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	E U R O P E		C Z E C H O S L O V A K I A		S W E D E N	
COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM		SWITZERLAND			IRE
AUTHORITY	Board of Trade	Economist	Federal Labour Department	Official	Commerce Department	Official
No. of Commodities	200	10(d)	78	126	160	220
Base Period	1930	1935	July, 1914	March, 1939	1935(e)	Oct. 1938
1913	-	150.2	-		100(e)	-
1920	307.3(c)	290.5	-		359(e)	-
1926	148.1(c)	199.1	144.5		149(e)	-
1929	136.5(c)	166.2	141.2		140(e)	-
1933	85.7	90.9	91.0	(f)	107(e)	-
1939	102.8	109.4	111.2	109.5	115	105.4
1940	136.6	133.5	143.0	132.8	146	131.8
1941	152.6	137.4	183.5	142.3	172	148.0
1942	159.4	142.2	209.6	145.4	189	170.2
1943	162.8	147.2	218.2	147.3	196	189.4
1944	166.2	156.7	222.6	148.1	196	198.2
1945	169.0	164.8(g)	220.6	164.7	194	197.5
1946	175.2	254.5	214.7	287.7	186	197.5
		(b)	(b)	(a)		
1939 August	98.1	106.4	107.4	109.5(f)	111	101.1
1947 January	181.6	230.0	218.5	301.1	194	204.5
February	183.2	232.3	219.0	298.5	195	205.6
March	183.6	262.5	220.0	300.4	196	207.1
April	187.1	262.5	221.0	294.4	197	211.4
May	189.1	262.1	221.3	295.4	198	217.8
June	189.8	262.1	222.3	295.3	199	218.8
July	193.3	251.8	222.9	300.7	199	
August	193.9	251.1	223.1	301.6	199	
September	195.2	254.9	224.2	303.1	201	
October	199.3	258.8	229.7	306.6	202	
November	202.7	262.4	231.5	305.1	204	
December	203.5	267.0	232.3	306.2	204	

(a) First of month. (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) July. (g) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	E U R O P E						
COUNTRY	BULGARIA	DENMARK	FINLAND	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	PORTUGAL
AUTHORITY	Official	Department of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistique Generale	Central Bureau of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Banco de Portugal
No. of Commodities	72	118	296	135	200	95	48
Base Period	1939(a)	1935	1935	1938(b)	1938-39(d)	1938	1927
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	2973(a)	117	-	-	106(e)	-	-
1929	3204(a)	108	108	-	100(e)	97	104
1933	1731(a)	90	99	-	63(e)	80	87
1939	100	118	120	105	105	102	103
1940	116	172	161	139	121	133	131
1941	148	203	197	171	150	163	153
1942	188	213	243	201	157	172	177
1943	237	214	276	234	160	175	221
1944	345	217	305	265	164	177	248
1945	550	213	432	375	181	177	241
1946	627	210	686	648	251	169	236
		(c)	(c)				
1939 August		111	117	102	-	98	98
1947 January	687	224	721	874	267	171	232
February	693	225	726	889	268	171	255
March	694	224	759	860	269	172	256
April	700	226	766	847	268	173	256
May	685	229	775	946	268	173	260
June	687	230	781	904	270		252
July	694	236	799	888	272		249
August	694	236	853	1004	271	179	247
September	699	235	862	1096	272	178	243
October	708	235		1129	274		
November	780	239		1211			
December		242		1217			

(a) Prior to 1939, base 1914=100. 1929 average is 2109 and August, 1939 index is 2158.

(b) Based on 1938 consumption weights. (c) Monthly Average. (d) July, 1938-June, 1939. (e) 1926-30=100.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	A S I A		O C E A N I A		A F R I C A	
	PALESTINE	INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
AUTHORITY	Official	Department of Statistics, Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	50	72		180	188	23
Base Period	June, 1936	July, 1914	1936-39	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1913-July, 1914
1913	-	-	-	-	100.0	-
1920	-	201	-	152.6	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
1939	101.4	108	101.1	107.1	101.9	88
1940	125.4	120	104.7	119.5	113.2	100
1941	172.1	139	114.0	131.1	124.3	130
1942	251.0	185	124.2	141.6	139.5	181
1943	306.3	307	137.3	151.3	151.6	228
1944	323.3	298	139.6	155.8	157.0	270
1945	323.5	289	140.5	158.4	159.2	274
1946	336.4	324	141.2	158.4	163.1	263
		(a)		(b)		
1939 August	92.8	100	97.9	108.4	99.8(d)	83
1947 January	335.9	373	142.0	156.9	166.2	
February	338.9	378	145.0	157.1	166.1	
March	337.9	370	144.0	157.0	166.2	
April	332.5	367	145.9	159.4	167.3	
May	330.5	363	146.3	159.0	168.5	
June	331.5	367	147.0	161.2	170.2	
July	346.4	374	147.5	160.7	171.5	
August	356.4	374	148.6	161.7	172.9	
September	364.2	393	150.4	166.9	174.3	
October		398	152.4	171.2	175.4	
November		406	155.7	174.0		
December						

(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 COUNTRY	N O R T H A M E R I C A							
	CANADA		UNITED STATES				MEXICO	
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board		Official	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Consumers' Price Index (d)	Foods	Consumers' Price Index	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	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	-	-
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
1946	123.6	140.4	139.3	159.6	113.2	127.6	414.7	414.0
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)		
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.0	75.3	156.0	157.4
1947 January	127.0	145.5	153.3	183.8	-	-	473.0	476.2
February	127.8	147.0	153.2	182.3	-	-	465.0	467.3
March	128.9	148.7	156.3	189.5	124.8	152.3	460.7	462.8
April	130.6	151.6	156.1	188.0	-	-	459.2	462.8
May	133.1	154.9	156.0	187.6	-	-	464.0	470.2
June	134.9	157.7	157.1	190.5	125.4(e)	153.3(e)	462.3	469.0
July	135.9	159.8	158.4	193.1	126.6	155.8	464.2	472.4
August	136.6	160.6	160.3	196.5	128.2	159.4	472.1	482.5
September	139.4	165.3	163.8	203.5	130.2	164.6	473.0	485.9
October	142.2	171.3	163.8	201.6	130.9	163.6	475.4	486.7
November	143.6	173.6	164.9	202.7	131.9	165.2	476.3	487.3
December	146.0	178.7	167.0	206.9	133.6	168.2		

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Revised. (d) Since August, 1945, "Consumers' Price Index for Moderate-Income Families in Large Cities." (e) Monthly from June, 1947.

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

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA			E U R O P E				
COUNTRY	NEWFOUNDLAND	UNITED KINGDOM		EIRE		FRANCE	SWITZERLAND	
	Official	Minister of Labour		105 Towns and Localities		Paris	34 Towns	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living St. John's	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living(f)	Foods	Foods (g)	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	October, 1938	July, 1914		July, 1914		1938	June, 1914	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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
1939	104.4(b)	158	141	178	163	108	138	132
1940	-	184	164	205	183	129	151	146
1941	128.2(b)	199	168	226	202	149	174	175
1942	140.3	200	161	250	225	174	193	200
1943	149.1	199	166	282	247	224	203	211
1944	160.7	201	168	295	262	275	207	215
1945	160.4	203	169	295	263	377	209	215
1946	163.1	203	169	291	263	645	208	210
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(c)	(c)		(d)	(d)
1939 August	-	155	137	173	158	108	137	131
1947 January	165.6	204	168	-	-	847	212	215
February	167.6	203	168	295	271	851	212	215
March	167.6	204	169	-	-	833	212	216
April	168.0	203	168	-	-	830	213	215
May	169.7	203	162	305	281	883	216	220
June	170.5	100(e)	100(e)	-	-	941	217	222
July	174.5	101	101	-	-	974	217	221
August	174.4	100	99	319	300	1089	217	222
September	172.1	101	100	-	-	1187	218	222
October	176.0	101	101	-	-	1309	223	229
November	178.8	103	103	97(f)	96(f)	1378	223	230
December	179.5	104	103	-	-	1393	223	230

(a) First of month. (b) October. (c) Middle of month. (d) Last week of month. (e) New Interim Index of Retail Prices, June 17, 1947=100. (f) Beginning November, 1947, Interim Cost of Living Index (Essential Items) on base August, 1947=100. (g) Retail prices of 29 articles.

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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	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1939	1939	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935
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)
1932	2,006(b)	1,680(b)	93	-	100	-	153(c)	121(c)
1939	100	100	109	-	111	112	109	115
1940	112	113	136	-	132	137	123	131
1941	135	142	157	169	155	162	139	149
1942	172	199	164	169	183	189	151	162
1943	226	268	166	167	206	211	153	160
1944	339	423	168	168	219	214	154	160
1945	509	641	170	170	307	334	155	158
1946	573	727	169	170	490	-	155	160
1939 August	-	-	107(e)	108(e)	109	110	108	114
1947 January	626	815	170	174	513	-	-	-
February	640	840	-	-	525	-	-	-
March	623	824	-	-	571	-	162	165
April	631	818	173	176	594	-	-	-
May	611	788	-	-	609	-	-	-
June	631	824	-	-	618	-	166	166
July	645	847	174	178	648	-	-	-
August	631	819	-	-	661	-	-	-
September	619	795	-	-	672	-	168	172
October	640	833	175	179	-	-	-	-
November	666	861	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	169	172

(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.

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CONTINENT	E U R O P E							
COUNTRY	NORWAY		NETHERLANDS		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		ITALY	
	31 Towns		6 Municipalities		Prague		Rome	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1938	1938	July, 1938-June, 1939		March, 1939		1938	1938
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	120.3	119.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	96.8	96.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1933	86.0	79.4	-	-	-	-	(d)	(d)
1939	101.3	101.7	101.9	101.7	104.0	106.3	105	102
1940	118.2	122.3	116.6	120.3	122.1	128.3	122	121
1941	138.5	146.1	134.0	143.8	149.1	141.1	140	146
1942	-	-	143.4	157.4	161.8	145.0	158	174
1943	-	-	148.7	159.5	160.0	143.8	-	-
1944	152.3	154.7	-	-	160.9	145.2	-	-
1945	155.0	155.0	-	-	169.7	149.8	-	-
1946	158.9	156.9	-	-	308.6	319.3	-	-
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(c)	(c)		
1939 August	100.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1947 January	160.0	155.4	198	205	310.3	312.6	3,080	4,356
February	160.5	156.0	198	205	312.8	316.1	3,064	4,325
March	160.8	156.5	200	207	313.1	316.1	3,267	4,565
April	161.2	157.1	200	208	297.5	287.7	3,647	5,164
May	161.6	157.5	200	208	296.4	287.7	3,670	5,156
June	162.1	158.0	203	215	296.4	285.5	4,030	5,728
July	160.5	157.3	200	217	286.5	296.1	4,179	5,919
August	159.2	155.8	197	209	282.8	285.9	4,567	6,553
September	158.1	154.1	200	214	284.7	289.7	4,565	6,521
October	157.4	152.3			284.3	287.4	4,459	6,348
November	157.3	152.0			286.3	290.8		
December	157.5	152.3			288.6	295.5		

(a) Fifteenth of month. (b) End of month. (c) First week of month. (d) Annual averages, old series, converted to 1938 base.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE			AFRICA			ASIA	
COUNTRY	PORTUGAL	ICELAND	SOUTHERN RHODESIA	SOUTH AFRICA		INDIA		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Cost of Living <u>Reykjavik</u>	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods, 9 Towns	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods, Bombay
Base Period	June 1914	Jan.-March, 1939	August, 1939		1938	1938	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	145.8	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	106.3	-	-
1929	2,361	-	-	-	-	106.6	-	-
1933	1,948	-	-	-	-	93.2	-	-
1939	1,918	103	104	-	-	99.9	106	114
1940	2,009	128	136	-	-	103.4	112	125
1941	2,268	160	189	108(d)	109(d)	108.2	124	140
1942	2,758	206	264	114(e)	118(e)	117.3	157	180
1943	3,118	256	330	119	120	124.4	230	253
1944	3,208	268	334	123	123	128.8	237	-
1945	3,479	277	342	127	127	132.2	235	271
1946	3,980	293	361	131	132	134.1	259	317
	(a)	(c)	(c)					
1939 August	1,903	103	104	128	110	99.3	105	112
1947 January	4,319	310	387	133	135	135.3	267	328
February	4,318	316	394	134	138	137.2	263	320
March	4,286	310	380	133	140	138.6	269	328
April	4,263	310	371	134	143	139.3	270	329
May	4,208	311	372	133	143	139.9	271	330
June	4,068	310	362	134	142	141.2	278	342
July	4,000	310	356	133	139	140.8	274	336
August	3,977	312	356	133	137	140.5	264	355
September	3,976	312	356	136	147	140.9	293	382
October	3,961	325	378	137	152	140.8	296	373
November	3,941	326	379	139	155			
December		328	382	140	159			

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month. (d) August. (e) June.

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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	1935
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	101.9	-	-	-	-
1926	-	(c)	(c)	101.0	-	-	-	-
1929	-	115.0	115.5	100.4	-	-	-	-
1933	-	-	-	79.5	-	-	-	-
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
1946	152	127.8	118.7	100.8	164.9	154.2	204	223
		(a)		(d)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)
1939 August	(g)	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	108	-
1947 January	158	-	119.9	-	178.0	163.9	220	251
February	159	-	123.3	-	181.7	167.9	221	252
March	160	131.4	124.4	101.3	185.3	172.3	221	253
April	158	-	124.0	-	-	-	220	251
May	158	-	124.4	-	193.4	177.9	220	251
June	157	132.4	125.1	102.7	190.4	177.5	221	252
July	158	-	126.2	-	196.6	178.5	221	252
August	158	-	126.4	-	198.7	179.6	221	252
September	163	134.4	126.3	103.2	203.3	180.9	221	252
October	-	-	128.0	-	203.4	181.1	221	252
November	-	-	129.2	-	205.8	181.9	221	252
December	-	-	-	108.5	206.3	181.8	225	259

(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							
	ARGENTINA		COLOMBIA		CHILE		PERU	
COUNTRY								
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Buenos Aires	Foods, Buenos Aires	Cost of Living, Bogota	Foods, Bogota	Cost of Living, Santiago	Foods, Santiago	Cost of Living, Lima	Foods, Lima
Base Period	1943 (a)	1943 (a)	February, 1937		March, 1928	March, 1928	1934-36 (b)	1934-36 (b)
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	210	208
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	201	182
1929	-	-	-	-	109	119	177	189
1933	88.8	-	-	-	141	147	148	139
1939	100.0	-	118.4	119.8	187	210	110	106
1940	102.3	102.3	114.6	113.9	210	245	119	116
1941	105.0	105.2	113.0	110.1	242	281	129	132
1942	110.9	115.1	122.8	121.6	304	367	145	148
1943	112.1	116.6	142.3	143.4	354	434	158	164
1944	99.7	103.7	167.8	182.1	395	465	181	187
1945	119.4	119.5	190.6	204.5	430	495	202	209
1946	140.5	144.2	208.3	219.5	499	576	221	225
1939 August			115.8	116.7	186	206		
1947 January	146.4	150.8	231.0	245.0	608	741	242	247
February	147.4	152.7	233.4	248.3	604	730	245	252
March	156.4	164.2	239.2	256.0	631	732	251	258
April	156.5	163.2	244.1	261.7	644	736	259	267
May	156.7	162.3	245.2	263.2	661	754	265	276
June	164.0	164.8	247.6	267.1	663	754	272	289
July	162.3	161.1	252.5	273.6	676	783	280	301
August	163.7	172.5	252.1	272.9	691	789	301	335
September			249.9	268.3	700	804	311	354
October			250.7	267.5	695	792	319	362
November							338	397
December							344	406

(a) New series. Years 1933-43 are on base, 1939=100.

(b) Years 1913-33 are on base 1913=100. Since October, 1933 index includes heating.

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