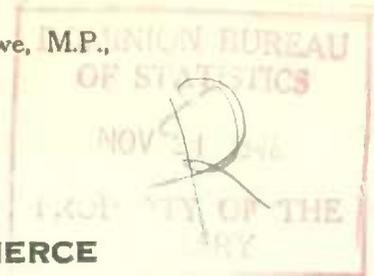


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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1948

Practically all national wholesale price index numbers continued to move upward in the first half of 1948. Increases between December, 1947 and June, 1948 ranged from 0.3 p.c. for Switzerland to 38.9 p.c. for France, but between these extremes increases of 1 to 10 p.c. predominated. Declines over the six-month period were recorded by series for Italy and Spain.

Index numbers for the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand all recorded smaller rates of advance in the first half of 1948 than in the previous half year. The Canadian wholesale price index for June, 1948 was 5.9 p.c. above December, 1947 and 18.7 p.c. above June, 1947. The U.S. Bureau of Labor monthly index showed a December-June rise of 1.8 p.c. A break in farm prices was responsible for a sharp February drop of 2.9 p.c. in the Bureau of Labor all-commodities index, but it was followed by advances which brought the June, 1948 index to 166.2. This was 0.6 p.c. below the May, 1920 peak, which subsequently was passed. Increases of 3.9 p.c. and 3.2 p.c. for Australia and New Zealand were moderate compared with gains made in the latter half of 1947 when the partial removal of subsidies was followed by unusual advances in both series. A sharp upturn in June in the South African index was largely responsible for the net December-June increase of 5.1 p.c.

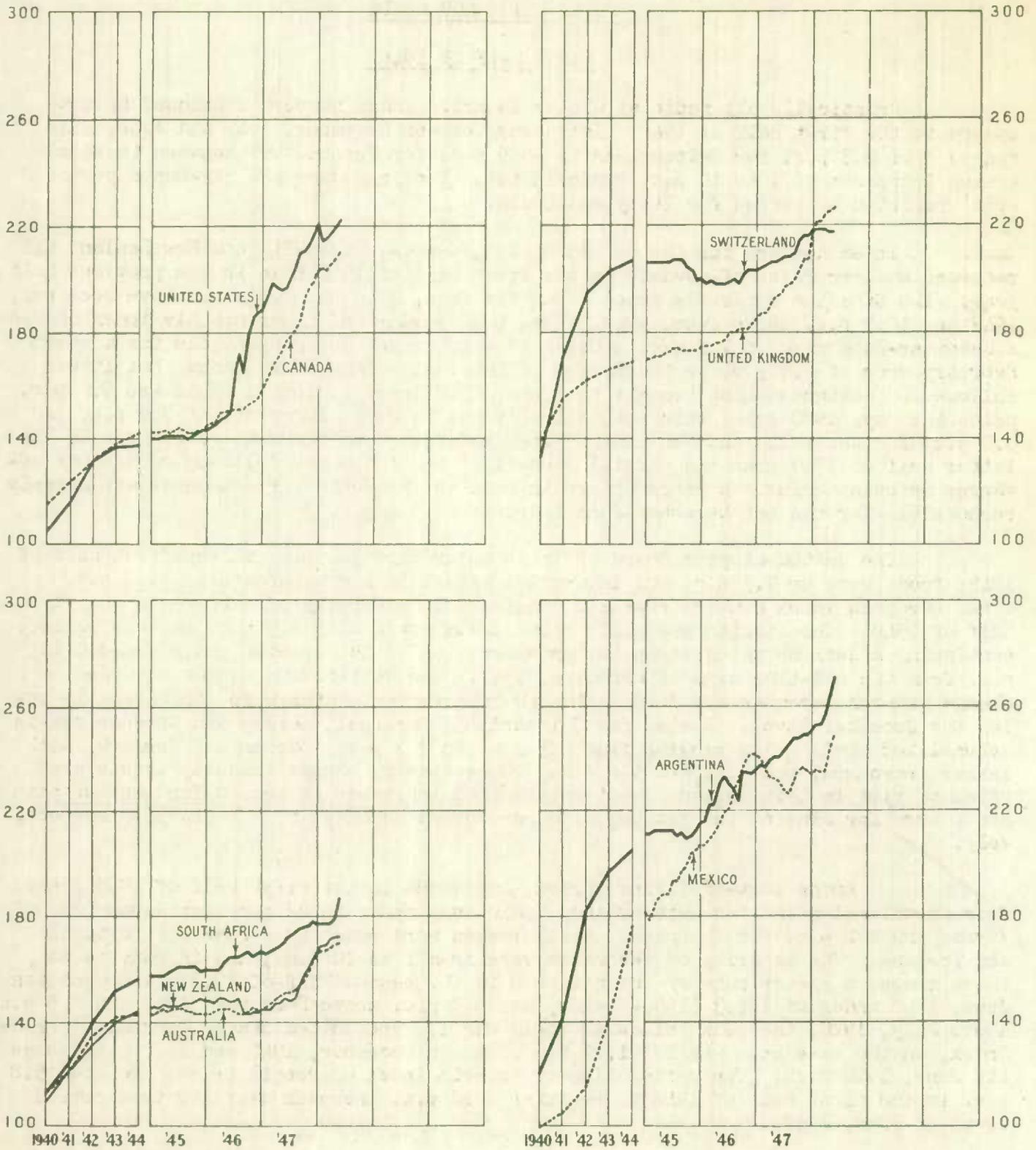
The United Kingdom Board of Trade index rose 9.1 p.c. in the first half of 1948; foods were up 7.3 p.c. and industrial materials and manufactures 10.2 p.c. Other European index numbers revealed considerable diversity of pattern in the first half of 1948. The Italian wholesale price index moved down 6.9 p.c. in this period, continuing a decline which began in September, 1947. The Spanish index receded 1.3 p.c. from the all-time high of December, 1947. The Netherlands series recorded no change between December and June, although intervening months were fractionally below the December level. Series for Switzerland, Portugal, Norway and Czechoslovakia accumulated small gains ranging from 0.3 p.c. to 2.3 p.c. Sweden and Denmark, with larger increases, 5.4 p.c. and 5.8 p.c., respectively, showed slightly accelerated rates of rise in this period. Most substantial increases on record for the European group were for Finland and France, with percentage advances of 9.1 and 38.9 respectively.

Among cost-of-living series, increases in the first half of 1948 ranged from fractional gains for Switzerland, Spain and Egypt, to 22 p.c. for Japan (28 Towns) and 672 p.c. for Shanghai. Small losses were shown by series for Portugal and Iceland. The majority of increases were from 1 to 10 p.c., and in many cases these showed a slower rate of advance than in the second half of 1947. The Canadian June, 1948 index of 154.3 (1935-39=100) was 5.7 p.c. above December, 1947 and 2.5 p.c. above July, 1920, the peak following World War I. The United States Consumers' Price Index, on the same base was 171.1, 2.8 p.c. above December, 1947 and 14.9 p.c. above its June, 1920 high. The United Kingdom Interim Index of retail prices mounted 5.8 p.c. in the first half of 1948 to register a 10 p.c. increase over its base period level of June, 1947.

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

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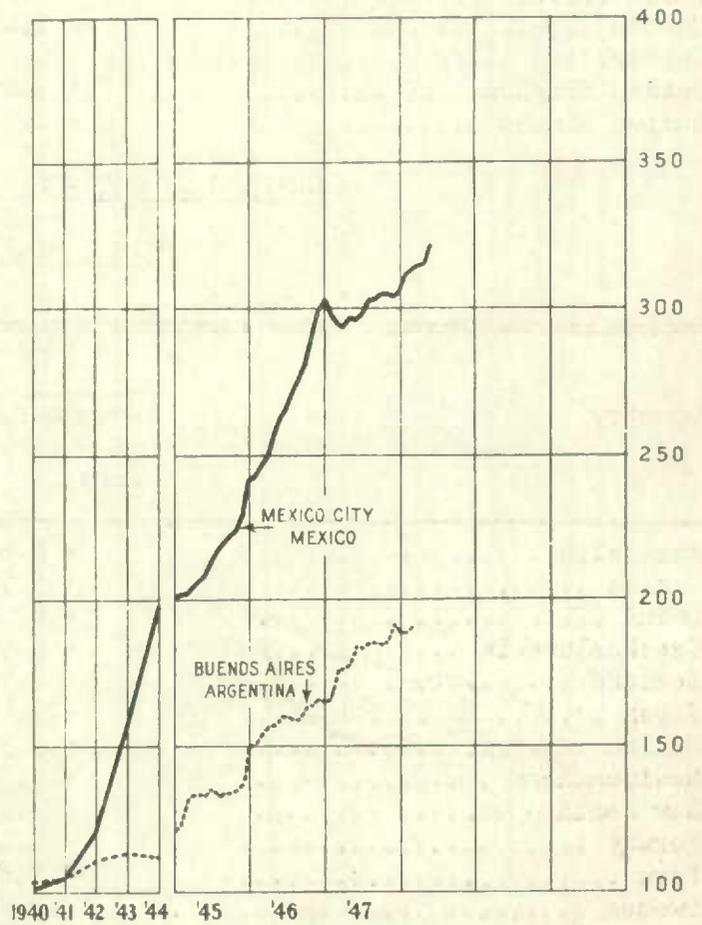
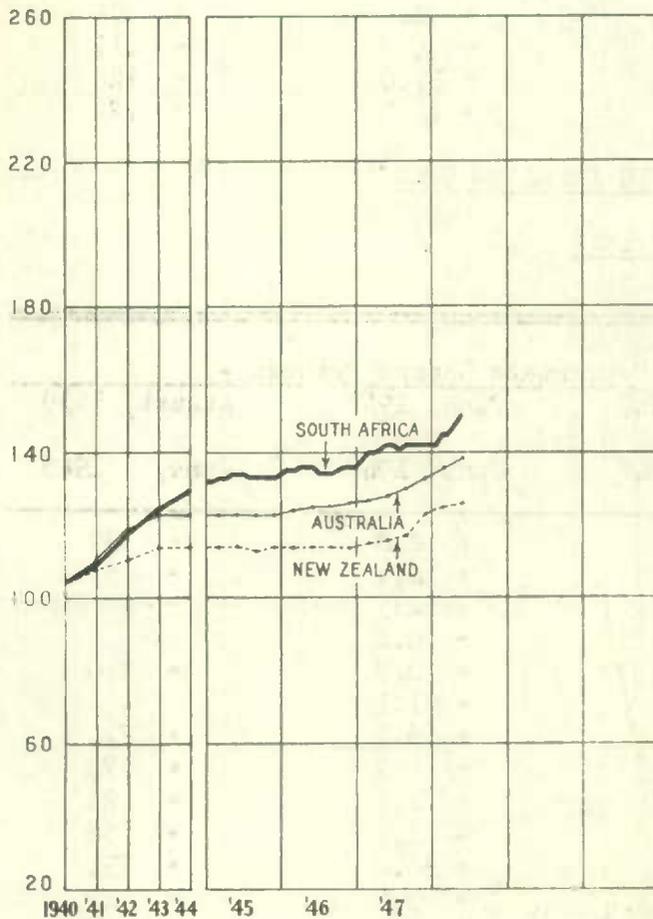
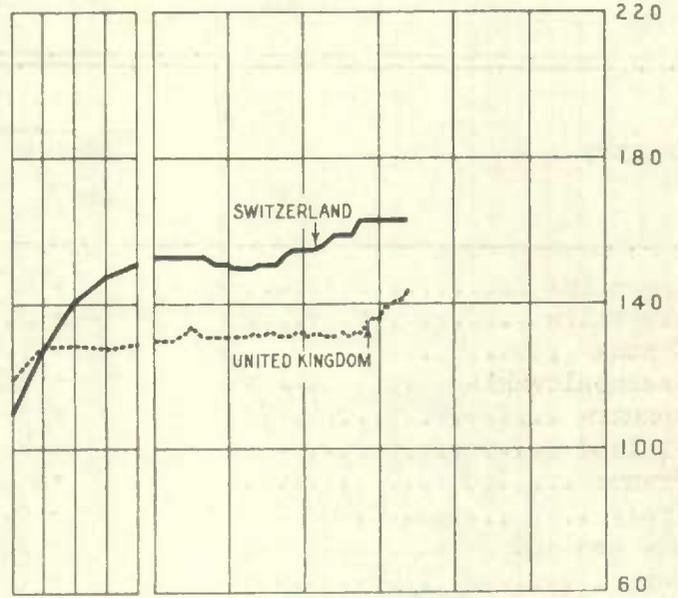
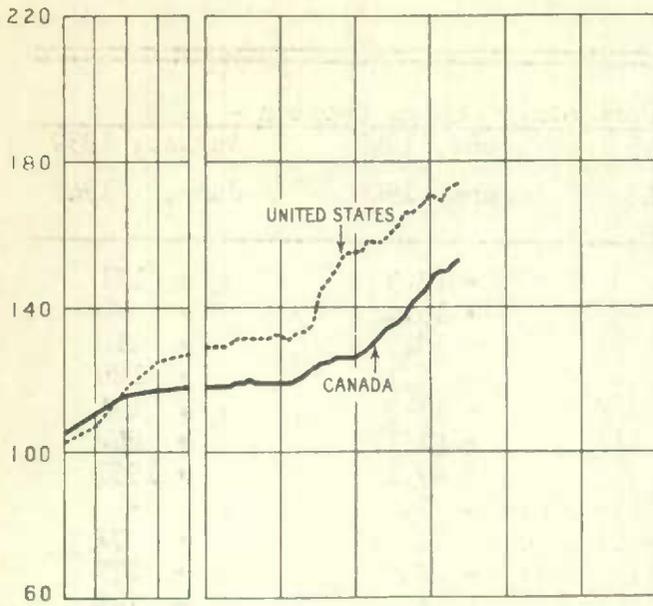
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

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CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

FIRST HALF OF 1948

Country	Percentage Change Between -		
	December, 1947	June, 1947	August, 1939
	June, 1948	June, 1948	June, 1948
Argentina	+ 8.7	+ 12.3	+ 171
Australia	+ 3.9	+ 13.1	+ 70
Canada	+ 5.9	+ 18.7	+ 110
Czechoslovakia	+ 2.3	+ 6.1	+ 186
Denmark	+ 5.8	+ 11.3	+ 131
Finland	+ 9.1	+ 41.1	+ 842
France	+38.9	+ 87.1	+ 1557
Italy	- 6.9	- 3.5	-
New Zealand	+ 3.2	+ 14.8	+ 72
Peru	+ 7.7	+ 25.3	+ 277
Portugal	+ 0.9	- 4.3	+ 146
Spain	- 1.3	+ 6.6	+ 203
Sweden	+ 5.4	+ 8.5	+ 95
Switzerland	+ 0.3	+ 4.9	+ 117
United Kingdom	+ 9.1	+ 17.0	+ 126
United States	+ 1.8	+ 12.5	+ 122

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

FIRST HALF OF 1948

Country	Percentage Change Between -		
	December, 1947	June, 1947	August, 1939
	June, 1948	June, 1948	June, 1948
Australia	+ 4.6	+ 8.8	+ 39
Canada	+ 5.7	+ 14.4	+ 53
China	+ 672	+ 2233	-
Czechoslovakia	+ 2.9	+ 0.2	-
Iceland	- 2.7	+ 2.9	+ 210
Japan	+22.0	+ 81.1	-
Mexico	+ 3.3	+ 6.1	+ 214
Newfoundland	+ 1.3	+ 6.7	+ 74
New Zealand	+ 2.3	+ 8.1	+ 26
Norway	+ 1.1	- 1.7	+ 58
Peru	+ 7.6	+ 36.2	+ 231
Sweden	+ 3.8	+ 5.8	+ 52
Switzerland	+ 0.2	+ 2.9	+ 63
United Kingdom	+ 5.8	+ 10.0	-
United States	+ 2.8	+ 9.3	+ 74

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		N O R T H A M E R I C A				
COUNTRY		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	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926
1913	64.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	64.1
1920	155.9	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	160.6
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1929	95.6	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	100.0
1939	75.4	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	64.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	67.6
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	72.8
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9	85.0
1943	100.0	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	97.9
1944	102.5	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6	107.1
1945	103.6	98.1	100.7	105.6	94.0	112.3(b) 1
1946	108.7	101.1	105.7	109.5	98.8	118.1(b) 1
1947	129.1	117.3	129.3	130.7	117.4	126.4
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4
<u>1947</u> July	129.1	117.7(b)	129.7(b)	131.2(b)	116.2	126.4(b)
August	130.8	119.0(b)	131.6(b)	133.2(b)	117.2(b)	126.2(b)
September	134.0(b)	121.8(b)	135.3(b)	133.6(b)	123.3(b)	126.6(b)
October	139.3	124.8(b)	139.8	138.9(b)	127.6(b)	129.1(b)
November	142.5	130.1(b)	142.4	142.5	131.4	132.7(b)
December	143.5	131.2(b)	143.4(b)	145.2(b)	132.0	137.1(b)
<u>1948</u> January	146.9	135.2	145.8	148.3	136.5	140.8
February	147.3	136.7	145.4	147.2	137.2	138.8
March	146.9	137.3	144.9	147.3	136.7	138.2
April	148.5	137.9	146.8	150.0	137.4	141.2
May	150.0	138.4	148.6	152.5	137.4	144.2
June	151.9	140.7	150.4	155.9	137.6	148.3

(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	N O R T H A M E R I C A			S O U T H A M E R I C A		
COUNTRY	UNITED STATES		MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU
AUTHORITY	Bureau of Labor Statistics		Official	Banco de	Official	Official
	General	Farm Products		La Nacion		
	Index	Index				
No. of Commodities	889(a)	67	32	105	58	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)
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
1947	152.1	181.2	301.6	250.0	1328.4	342
	(c)	(c)		(c)	(c)	
1939 August	75.0	61.0	129.1	102.9	414.0	-
1947 July	150.6	181.4	293.4	250.0	1359.2	353
August	153.7(d)	181.6(d)	292.3	253.1	1384.9	359
September	157.4	186.4	298.2	255.1	1425.0	372
October	158.5	189.7	303.5	255.2	1415.5	382
November	159.6(d)	187.9	306.0	256.1	1429.2	386
December	163.2	196.7	303.2	256.6	1431.4	393
1948 January	165.7	199.2	302.4	258.1	1445.9	398
February	160.9	185.3	304.3	260.0	1474.4	404
March	161.4	186.0	303.1	260.4	1513.0	412
April	162.8	186.7	302.7	264.9	1531.9	419
May	163.9	189.1	313.2	272.1	1555.3	420
June	166.2	196.0	321.1	278.9		424

(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.

(d) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	E U R O P E					
COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	SWEDEN	IRE
AUTHORITY	Board of Trade	Official	Federal Labour Department	Official	Commerce Department	Official
No of Commodities	200	109	78	69	160	220
Base Period	1930	1913	July, 1914	March, 1939	1935(e)	Oct. 1938
1913	-	100.0	-	-	100(e)	-
1920	307.3(c)	223.4	-	-	359(e)	-
1926	148.1(c)	174.8	144.5	-	149(e)	-
1929	136.5(c)	167.7	141.2	(d)	140(e)	-
1939	102.8	241.9	111.2	109.5	115	105.4
1940	136.6	288.8	143.0	132.8	146	131.8
1941	152.6	341.5	183.5	142.3	172	148.0
1942	159.4	375.4	209.6	145.4	189	170.2
1943	162.8	419.1	218.2	147.3	196	189.4
1944	166.2	450.8	222.6	148.1	196	198.2
1945	169.0	500.3	220.6	164.7	194	197.5
1946	175.2	600.2	214.7	287.7	186	197.5
1947	191.7	704.1	223.8 (b)	302.5 (a)	199	219.3
1939 August	98.1	244.2	107.4	109.5	111	101.1
1947 July	193.3	704.6	222.9	300.7	199	222.4
August	193.9	713.0	223.1	301.6	199	223.3
September	195.2	721.7	224.2	303.1	202	226.7
October	199.3	733.3	229.7	306.6	203	228.2
November	202.7	738.8	231.5	305.1	204	232.9
December	203.5	749.1	232.3	306.2	205	233.4
1948 January	212.1	744.4	234.4	308.6	207	
February	216.7	743.0	234.3	309.0	209	
March	217.2	734.0	234.5	309.6	210	
April	219.3	726.3	234.0	309.0	213	
May	220.4	730.5	233.4	310.6	214	
June	222.1	739.1	233.1	313.3	216	

(a) First of month. (b) End of month. (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (d) July

(e) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	E U R O P E						
COUNTRY	ITALY	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	109	161	218	135	196	138	48
Base Period	1938	1935	1935	1938	1938-39(b)	1938	June, 1927
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	117	-	-	-	-	-
1929	(a)	108	108	-	-	97	104
1939	105	118	120	105	105	102	103
1940	121	172	161	139	131	133	131
1941	136	203	197	171	150	163	153
1942	152	213	243	201	157	172	177
1943	229	214	276	234	160	175	221
1944	858	217	305	265	164	177	248
1945	2059	213	438	375	181	177	241
1946	2883	210	686	648	251	169	236
1947	5159	232	825	989	271	175	248
	(c)	(c)	(c)				
1939 August		111	117	102	-	98	98
1947 July	5779	236	799	888	272	179	249
August	5889	236	853	1004	271	179	247
September	6202	235	862	1096	272	178	243
October	6010	235	882	1129	274	178	242
November	5647	239	968	1211	277	178	241
December	5526	242	1010	1217	280	178	239
1948 January	5373	242	1026	1463	279	180	238
February	5352	243	1033	1537	279	180	240
March	5318	244	1074	1536	279	180	238
April	5240	247	1079	1555	279	181	239
May	5184	253	1089	1653	279	181	240
June	5142	256	1102	1691	280	182	241

(a) Annual averages, 1939-46, converted from indexes published in United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

(b) July, 1938 - June, 1939. (c) Monthly Average.

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	Economic Adviser	Department of Statistics, Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo(c)
No. of Commodities	50	78	72	80	168	225	278
Base Period	June, 1936	Sept. 38-Aug. 39	July, 1914	1936-39	1926-30	1913	1937
1913	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	-
1920	-	-	201	-	153.6	223.3	-
1926	-	-	148	(c)	105.3	123.3	-
1929	-	-	141	110.3	98.8	115.1	-
1939	101.4	-	108	101.1	107.1	101.9	100
1940	125.4	-	120	104.7	119.5	113.2	124
1941	172.1	-	139	114.0	131.1	124.3	154
1942	251.0	-	185	124.2	141.6	139.5	206
1943	306.3	-	307	137.3	151.3	151.6	262
1944	323.3	-	298	139.6	155.8	157.0	303
1945	323.5	-	289	140.5	158.4	159.2	323
1946	336.4	-	324	141.2	158.4	163.1	317
1947	347.1	297	382	142.9	165.4	170.9	301
			(a)		(b)		
1939 August	92.8	-	100	97.9	108.4	99.8(d)	-
1947 July	346.4	298	374	148.1	162.3	171.5	293
August	356.4	301	374	149.2	162.7	172.9	296
September	364.2	302	393	150.9	168.8	174.3	302
October	366.0	303	398	152.9	173.3	175.4	308
November	356.5	302	406	156.2	177.4	176.0	309
December	368.2	314	417	160.1	180.9	177.2	311
1948 January	381.1	329	409	162.5	180.6	176.9	318
February		342	374	163.9	182.8	176.5	328
March		341	374	164.0	183.4	176.2	335
April		348	389	164.1	185.3	176.9	337
May		367	408	165.7	186.0	178.2	338
June		382	413	166.3	186.6	186 (f)	337

(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) Source: United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

(f) Calculated from increase shown by United Nations Bulletin.

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		NEWFOUNDLAND	MEXICO	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		Official	Official	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Consumers' Price Index (c)	Foods	Cost of Living St. John's October, 1938	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39		1939	1939
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-
1920	745.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	-	-	-
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	-	-	-
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	-	-	-
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	104.4(d)	100.0	100.0
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	-	100.7	97.9
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	128.2(d)	104.4	100.0
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	140.3	121.0	114.0
1943	118.4	130.7	123.6	138.0	149.1	158.5	146.6
1944	118.9	131.3	125.5	136.1	160.7	199.1	189.3
1945	119.5	133.0	128.4	139.1	160.4	213.5	204.1
1946	123.6	140.4	139.3	159.6	163.1	266.7	264.7
1947	135.5	159.5	159.2	193.8	172.0	300.3	303.0
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(a)	-	-
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	-	-	-
1947 July	135.9	159.8	158.4	193.1	174.5	297.8	301.0
August	136.6	160.6	160.3	196.5	174.4	302.8	307.4
September	139.4	165.3	163.8	203.5	172.1	303.3	308.3
October	142.2	171.3	163.8	201.6	176.0	304.9	310.1
November	143.6	173.6	164.9	202.7	178.8	305.4	310.5
December	146.0	178.7	167.0	206.9	179.5	304.6	309.3
1948 January	148.3	182.2	168.8	209.7	181.6	306.4	309.9
February	150.1	186.1	167.5	204.7	182.1	311.7	312.8
March	150.8	185.9	166.9	202.3	184.1	313.1	313.0
April	151.6	186.8	169.3	207.9	185.1	313.4	313.3
May	153.3	191.2	170.5	210.9	183.0	314.2	314.5
June	154.3	193.9	171.7	214.1	181.9	314.5	314.8

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

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

CONTINENT	E U R O P E								
COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM		EIRE		FRANCE	SWITZERLAND		SPAIN	
	200 Localities		120 Towns and Localities		Paris	34 Towns		50 Towns	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Foods (d)	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	June, 1947		August, 1947		1938	June, 1914		July, 1936	
1913	(c)	(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	249	256	(c)	(c)	-	224	242	-	-
1926	172	164	185	179	-	162	160	-	-
1929	164	154	176	169	-	161	156	-	-
1939	158	141	178	163	108	138	132	154	178
1940	184	164	205	183	129	151	146	178	215
1941	199	168	226	202	149	174	175	232	300
1942	200	161	250	225	174	193	200	247	318
1943	199	166	282	247	224	203	211	246	310
1944	201	168	295	262	275	207	215	257	323
1945	203	169	295	263	377	209	215	275	347
1946	203	169	291	263	645	208	210	361	491
1947	-	-	-	-	1043	217	222	424	581
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)		(b)	(b)		
1939 August	-	-	-	-	108	137	131	149	170
1947 July	101	101	-	-	974	217	221	418	565
August	100	99	100	100	1089	217	222	420	568
September	101	100	-	-	1187	218	222	428	580
October	101	101	-	-	1309	223	229	435	592
November	103	103	97	96	1378	223	230	442	600
December	104	103	-	-	1393	223	230	445	602
1948 January	104	104	-	-	1437	224	230	449	605
February	106	108	99	97	1541	223	230	453	609
March	106	109	-	-	1518	223	229	457	613
April	108	109	-	-	1524	223	229	458	613
May	108	108	100	100	1541	223	229	451	598
June	110	114	-	-	1560	224	230	447	589

(a) Middle of month. (b) Last week of month. (c) Annual averages are on base July, 1914 = 100.

(d) Retail prices of 29 articles included in the budget of a worker's family of four persons.

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CONTINENT	E U R O P E							
COUNTRY	BULGARIA		DENMARK		FINLAND		SWEDEN	
	12 Towns		200 Localities		32 Towns		60 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	(b)	-	-	-	-	293(a)
1926	-	-	108	-	119	-	-	158(a)
1929	-	-	101	-	123	-	(d)	149(a)
1939	100	100	109	-	111	112	108	115
1940	112	113	136	-	132	137	121	131
1941	135	143	157	169	155	162	138	149
1942	178	199	164	169	183	189	149	162
1943	226	268	166	167	206	211	152	160
1944	339	423	168	168	219	214	151	160
1945	509	641	170	170	307	334	151	158
1946	573	727	169	170	490	525	152	160
1947	637	827	173	177	636	769	156	169
1939 August	-	-	107(c)	108(c)	109	110	108(c)	114(c)
1947 July	645	847	174	178	648	786	-	-
August	631	819	-	-	661	805	-	-
September	619	795	-	-	672	809	158	172
October	640	833	175	179	689	829	-	-
November	666	861	-	-	751	946	-	-
December	669	863	-	-	784	994	158	172
1948 January	-	-	175	179	831	1037	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	820	999	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	829	990	163	180
April	-	-	176	178	833	975	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	833	963	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	842	976	164	181

(a) July, 1914=100, prior to 1935. (b) Includes direct taxation. (c) July quarter, 1939.

(d) Without taxes.

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CONTINENT	E U R O P E							
	NORWAY		NETHERLANDS		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		ITALY	
COUNTRY	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	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	101.3	101.7	102	102	104.0	106.3	105(d)	102(d)
1940	118.2	122.3	117	120	128.1	128.3	122(d)	121(d)
1941	138.5	146.1	134	144	149.1	141.1	140(d)	146(d)
1942	-	-	143	157	161.8	145.0	158(d)	174(d)
1943	-	-	149	159	160.0	143.8	-	-
1944	152.3	154.7	153(e)	165(e)	160.9	145.2	-	-
1945	155.0	155.0	176(e)	169(e)	169.7	149.8	-	-
1946	158.9	156.9	192(e)	194(e)	308.6	319.3	-	-
1947	159.7	155.4	199	210(e)	295.0	296.2	3,929	5,562
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(c)	(c)		
1939 August	100.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1947 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	199	214	284.7	289.7	4,565	6,521
October	157.4	152.3	197	210	284.3	287.4	4,459	6,348
November	157.3	152.0	198	210	286.3	290.8	4,396	6,193
December	157.5	152.3	202	-	288.6	295.5	4,224	5,916
1948 January	158.2	152.7	202	221	290.9	299.7	4,270	5,921
February	158.8	153.4	202	221	290.3	299.0	4,198	5,834
March	159.6	154.2	203	223	293.1	299.9	4,410	6,190
April	160.3	155.4	204	225	294.0	302.5	4,440	6,279
May	160.6	155.9	-	-	294.6	302.8	4,352	6,157
June	159.3	152.6	-	-	297.0	308.8	4,517	6,450

(a) Fifteenth of month. (b) End of month. (c) First week of month. (d) Annual averages, June, 1928 = 100, converted to 1938 base. (e) Average of less than twelve months.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE			AFRICA				
COUNTRY	PORTUGAL	ICELAND	SOUTHERN RHODESIA	SOUTH AFRICA		EGYPT		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living (b) Lisbon	Cost of Living Reykjavik	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods, 9 Towns	Cost of Living, Cairo	Foods, Cairo
Base Period	July, 1938- June, 1939	Jan.-March, 1939	August, 1939		1938	1938	June-August, 1939	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	145.8	166.0	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	106.3	109.6	125	148
1929	-	-	-	-	106.6	107.2	118	133
1939	101	103	104	-	99.9	99.3	103(f)	101(f)
1940	111	128	136	-	103.4	102.5	113	107
1941	122	160	189	108(d)	109(d)	108.2	138	131
1942	138	206	264	114(e)	118(e)	117.3	184	177
1943	154	256	330	119	120	124.4	242	-
1944	172	268	334	123	123	128.8	279	277
1945	188	277	342	127	127	132.2	293	287
1946	208	293	361	131	132	134.1	287	275
1947	211	315	373	135	144	139.7	279	271
	(a)	(c)	(c)					
1939 August	-	103	104	100	100	99.3	97.7	-
1947 July	203	310	356	133	139	140.8	277	271
August	200	312	356	133	137	140.5	280	278
September	210	312	356	136	147	140.9	282	278
October	207	325	378	137	152	140.8	282	278
November	208	326	379	139	155	140.6	282	273
December	208	328	382	140	159	141.3	280	270
1948 January	211	319	360	140	158	141.8	281	271
February	204	319	360	141	162	142.4	281	269
March	196	320	360	142	163	144.5	283	272
April	196	323	355	143	165	145.1	282	270
May	193	320	356	145	169	146.7	281	
June	200	319	356	145	166	149(g)	281	

(a) Middle of month. (b) Cost of food, fuel, light and soap. (c) First of month. (d) August. (f) Average June-December. (g) Calculated from increase shown by United Nations Bulletin. (e) June.

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CONTINENT		ASIA					
COUNTRY	CHINA(a)	INDIA		PALESTINE		JAPAN(a)	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Shanghai	Cost of Living, Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Arab Markets(c)	Jewish Markets(d)	Cost of Living, 28 Towns	Foods, 28 Towns
Base Period	1937	July, 1933-June, 1934		January, 1942		August, 1946-March, 1947	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	172	106	114	-	-	-	-
1940	360(b)	112	125	-	-	-	-
1941	-	124	140	-	-	-	-
1942	-	157	180	110	110	-	-
1943	-	230	253	134	132	-	-
1944	-	237	-	142	135	-	-
1945	24,978	235	271	150	144	-	-
1946	337,601	259	317	155	148	-	-
1947	3,078,000	279	344	165	154	191	182
1939 August	-	105	112	-	-	-	-
1947 July	2,725,000	274	336	164	151	223	223
August	3,066,000	284	355	166	151	216	213
September	3,767,000	299	382	170	155	224	207
October	5,397,000	296	373	170	154	236	208
November	5,866,000	287	356	166	155	250	220
December	7,444,000	285	351	167	165	282	255
1948 January	11,293,000	271	322	179	174	286	255
February	16,308,000	276	323	178	179	302	284
March	18,806,000	284	326	-	-	310	290
April	29,997,000	291	330	-	-	322	294
May	29,970,000	291	328	-	-	329	305
June	57,447,000	-	-	-	-	344	306

(a) Source: United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics. (b) January-November.

(c) Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa. (d) Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

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CONTINENT	O C E A N I A				CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA				
COUNTRY	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND	JAMAICA	TRINIDAD		BRAZIL		
Nature of Index	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	Cost of Living, Sao Paulo	Foods, Sao Paulo
Base Period									
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	101.9(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	(b)	(b)	101.0(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	115.0	115.5	100.4(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	102.9	104.8	99.0(c)	-	-	-	-	100	100
1940	105.1	106.1	103.5(c)	120.5	123.7	129	-	105	107
1941	111.1	108.4	107.3(c)	135.2	133.1	140	-	116	121
1942	117.6	111.8	110.9(c)	152.2	144.4	159	154(h)	130	133
1943	126.7	120.3	100.2	157.1	143.9	184	191(h)	150	153
1944	127.0	117.2	100.3	159.1	139.2	195	205	191	201
1945	127.0	117.9	100.4	158.7	143.0	196	208	232	245
1946	127.8	118.7	100.8	164.9	154.2	204	223	276	312
1947	130.9	120.8	103.9	194.8	176.7	203	252	328	373
	(a)			(d)	(d)	(e)	(e)		
1939 August	103.4(f)	-	-	100.0	100.0	108	-	-	-
1947 July	-	126.2	-	196.6	178.5	221	252	327	372
August	-	126.4	-	198.7	179.5	221	252	327	371
September	134.4	126.3	103.2	203.3	180.9	221	252	327	372
October	-	128.0	-	203.4	181.1	221	252	332	377
November	-	129.2	-	205.8	181.9	221	252	334	374
December	137.7	133.5	108.5	206.3	181.8	225	259	330	368
1948 January	-	134.0	-	207.2	185.1	226	260	355	411
February	-	136.8	-	210.9	190.7	226	260	356	413
March	140.7	137.6	110.3	214.9	192.6	226	260	358	425
April	-	138.1	-	215.3	193.3	226	260	-	-
May	-	140.3	-	218.0	192.6	226	260	364	434
June	144.1	143.6	111.0	246.4	245.9	227	262		

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (c) Yearly averages prior to 1943 are on base 1926-30 = 100. (d) End of month. (e) First of month. (f) June, 1939.

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CONTINENT	C E N T R A L A N D S O U T H A M E R I C A							
	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	1934-36
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	100(b)	100(b)
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	210(b)	208(b)
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	201(b)	182(b)
1929	-	-	-	-	109	119	177(b)	159(b)
1939	100.0	100.0	118.4	119.8	187	210	110	106
1940	102.2(c)	100.6(c)	114.6	113.9	210	245	119	116
1941	110.8(c)	104.6(c)	113.0	110.1	242	281	129	132
1942	110.9	115.1	122.8	121.6	304	367	145	148
1943	112.5(c)	116.8(c)	142.3	143.4	354	434	158	164
1944	99.7	103.7	171.2(c)	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
1947	159.5	165.3	246.2	263.2	666	772	285	312
1939 August	-	-	115.8	116.7	186	206	-	-
1947 July	162.3	161.1	252.5	273.6	676	783	280	301
August	163.7	172.5	252.1	272.8	691	789	301	335
September	163.9	172.8	249.9	268.3	700	804	311	354
October	163.0	170.4	250.7	267.5	695	792	319	362
November	164.5	171.5	254.2	267.6	710	827	338	397
December	169.7	176.9	254.2	267.5	711	822	344	406
1948 January	167.0	170.9	262.0	272.8	718	835	361	408
February	166.5	169.7	266.5	280.0	734	844	363	411
March	169.5	173.0	283.8	305.3	749	856	366	412
April			-		761	863	367	412
May			286.6				368	412
June							370	413

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

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

(c) Revised.

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