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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS  
SECOND HALF OF 1948

Wholesale price index numbers continued to move upward in many countries during the second half of 1948, although peak levels in others appeared to have been reached or passed. Buyers' markets were developing in some of the major cereal products, and supply conditions eased also in a few other commodities such as rubber, tea, coffee and spices, towards the end of the year. Currency difficulties continued to have an adverse effect upon demand for commodities important in international trade.

The United States Bureau of Labor general wholesale index touched a post-war peak of 169.5 for August, but had receded to 162.3 for December, to show a net decrease from June to December of 2.3 p.c. Farm products paced the decline, followed by textiles and chemicals, although the metals and home furnishings groups continued upward. The Board of Trade wholesale price index for the United Kingdom averaged 0.6 p.c. lower in December than in June, although still 8.5 p.c. above December, 1947. Foods were down 3.4 p.c., and cotton 8.9 p.c., while non-ferrous metals and wool increased 12.4 p.c. and 4.9 p.c. respectively. The Canadian wholesale price index reached 159.7 for November, the highest level since August, 1920. This appeared to mark a turning point. The wholesale price index for Australia advanced 7.0 p.c. between June and December. In August, the Australian government announced the discontinuance of all subsidies except those on butter, tea and super-phosphates. The decision of New Zealand to restore the pound to parity with sterling was made public August 19, but the latest available price indexes showed little reaction to this move. The New Zealand pound has remained close to 1.25 to 1.00 pound sterling for more than fifteen years.

In France, the rate of increase in wholesale price levels was reduced to less than half that of the first six months of 1948. The rise of 16.6 p.c., while still high, compared with 38.9 p.c. for the preceding six months, and 34.6 p.c. for the second half of 1947. The index of wholesale prices in Italy was 10.8 p.c. higher in December than in June. This was a reversal of the trend in the first half of the year, when a decline of 6.9 p.c. occurred. Efforts of the Chinese Nationalist Government to stabilize the Yuan have not halted sharp price increases, and the index of wholesale prices for Shanghai, on the base August 19, 1948=100, stood at 3,583.7 for December.

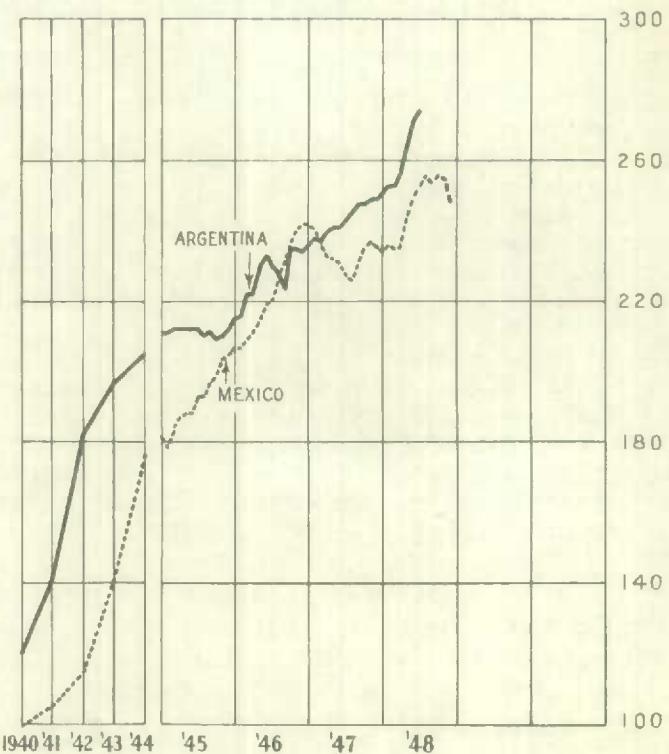
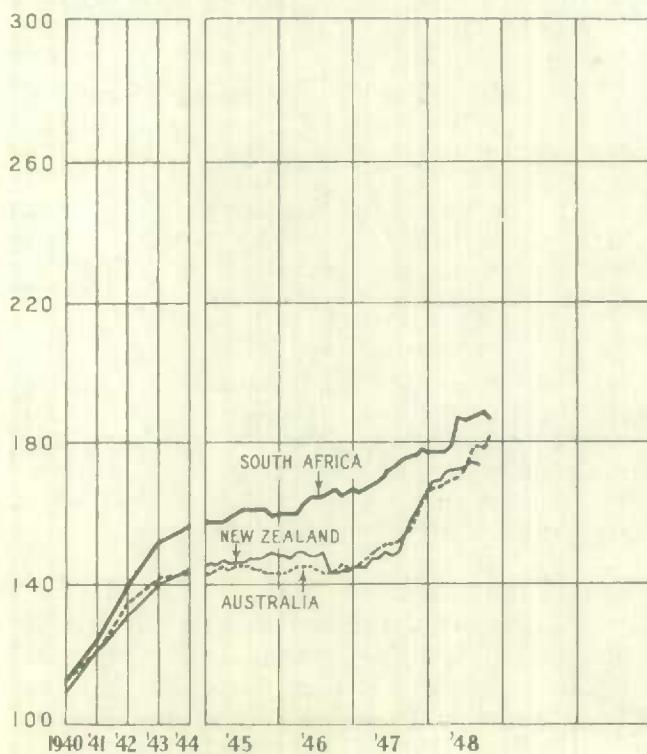
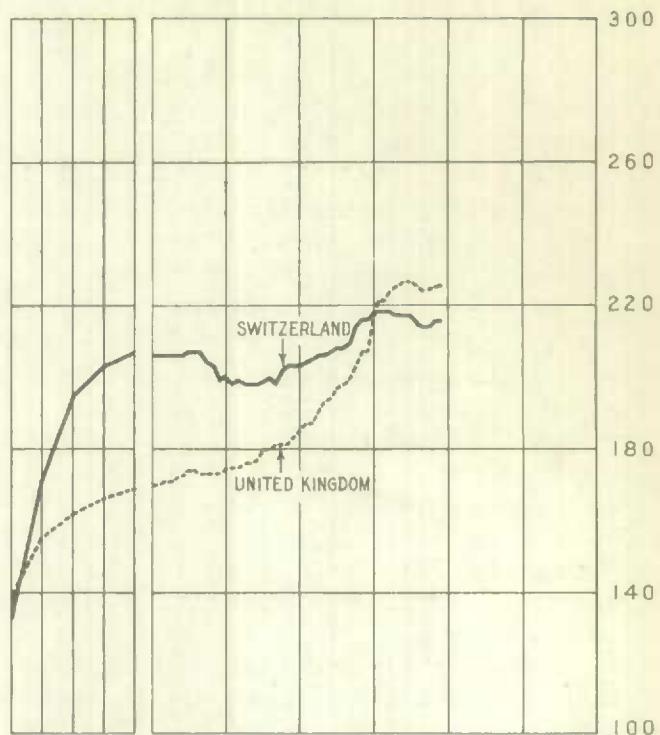
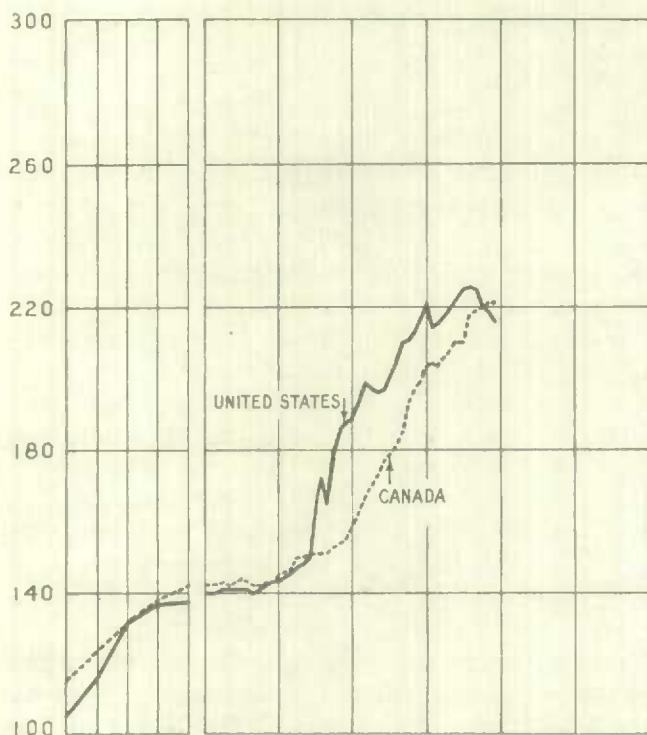
Declines in cost-of-living series ranging from 0.2 p.c. to 1.3 p.c. were shown by the United States, the United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia and Norway. The United States index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics recorded a decrease in October, and continued downward, showing a net decline for the six months of 0.2 p.c. In the United Kingdom, the cost-of-living index showed a drop for July. Part of the loss was regained later, but the December level was 0.9 p.c. below the June peak.

Cost-of-living advances for other countries, in many instances, were at less than half the rate shown for the second half of 1947. Increases, with a few exceptions, ranged within the limits of 1.0 p.c. and 4.0 p.c. The Netherlands index of living costs in six municipalities recorded a net gain of 3.4 p.c. between June and December; a rise of 4.0 p.c. in November and December followed the announcement of a 40 p.c. cut in food subsidies.

## PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

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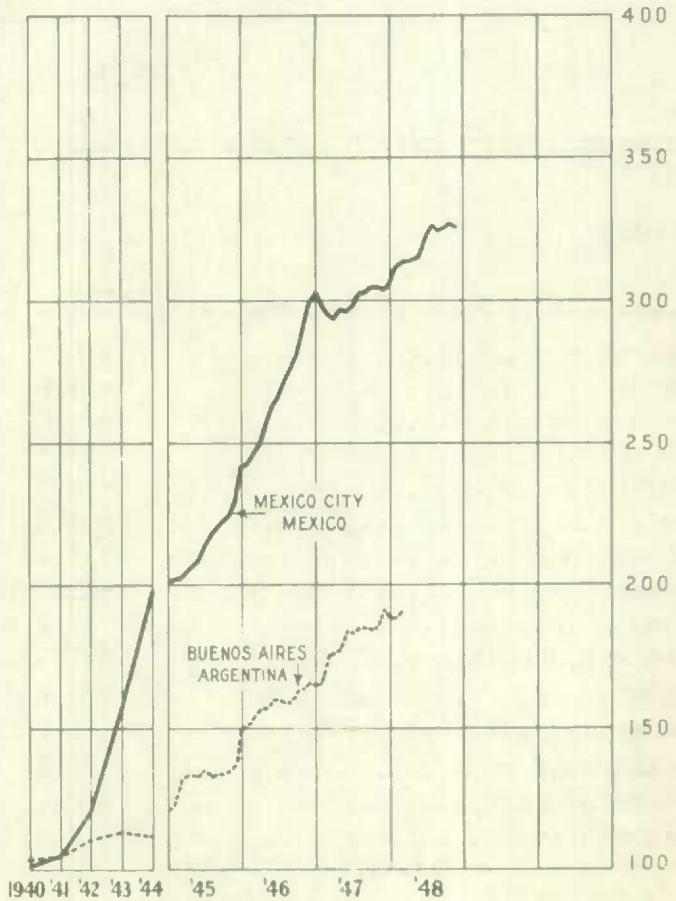
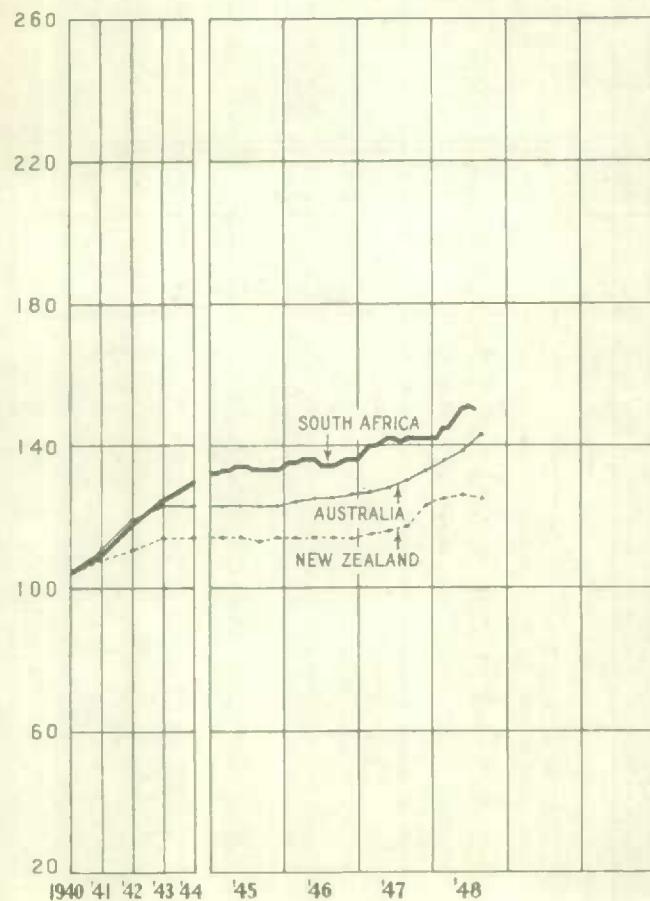
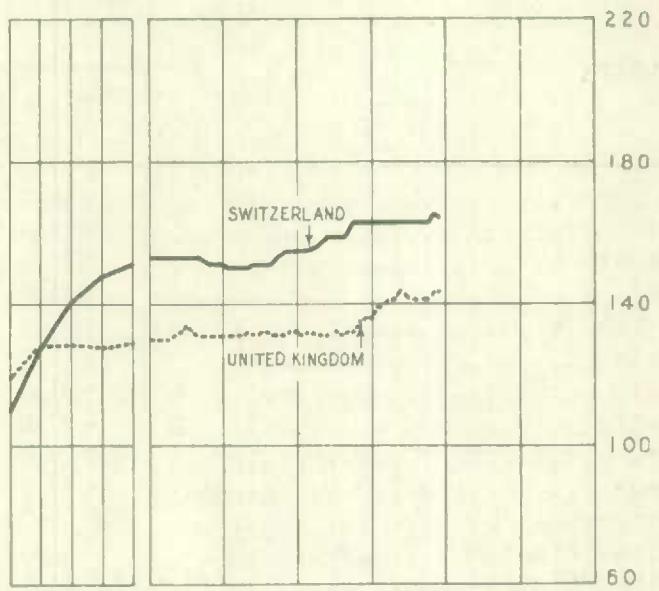
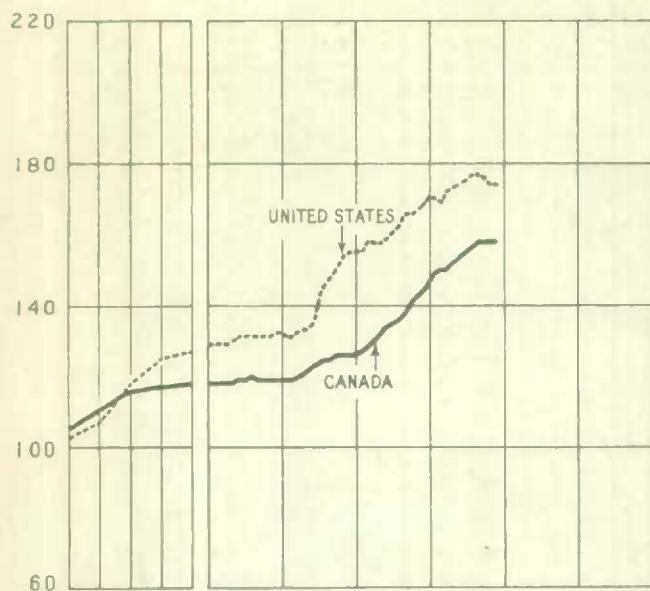
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## PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

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CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1948

Country	Percentage Change Between -			
	June, 1948	December, 1947	August, 1939	December, 1948
	December, 1948	December 1948	December, 1948	
Canada .....	+ 5.0	+ 11.1	+ 120.6	
Czechoslovakia .....	+ 3.8	+ 6.2	+ 197.0	
Denmark .....	+ 2.7	+ 8.7	+ 136.9	
Finland .....	+ 0.2	+ 9.3	+ 843.6	
France .....	+16.6	+ 62.0	+1832.4	
India .....	+ 3.9	+ 1.7	+ 324.0	
Italy .....	+10.8	+ 3.1	-	
Mexico .....	- 0.2	+ 5.7	+ 148.3	
Peru .....	+ 9.2	+ 17.8	-	
Sweden .....	+ 0.5	+ 5.9	+ 95.5	
Switzerland .....	- 0.7	- 0.4	+ 115.5	
United Kingdom .....	- 0.6	+ 8.5	+ 125.1	
United States .....	- 2.3	- 0.6	+ 116.4	

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1948

Country	Percentage Change Between -			
	June, 1948	December, 1947	August, 1939	December, 1948
	December, 1948	December, 1948	December, 1948	
Australia .....	+ 4.9	+ 9.8	+ 46.2	
Canada .....	+ 3.0	+ 8.8	+ 57.6	
Czechoslovakia .....	- 1.0	+ 1.9	-	
Finland .....	+ 3.2	+ 10.8	+ 697.2	
Iceland .....	+ 2.2	- 0.6	+ 216.5	
Mexico .....	+ 3.6	+ 6.9	-	
Netherlands .....	+ 3.4	+ 5.9	-	
Norway .....	- 1.3	- 0.1	+ 56.1	
Peru .....	+ 5.7	+ 13.7	-	
Southern Rhodesia .....	+ 1.4	+ 5.0	+ 47.0	
Spain .....	+ 3.6	+ 4.0	+ 210.7	
Sweden .....	+ 1.2	+ 5.1	+ 53.7	
Switzerland .....	+ 0.4	+ 0.9	+ 64.2	
United Kingdom .....	- 0.9	+ 4.8	-	
United States .....	- 0.2	+ 2.6	+ 73.8	

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

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA					
	CANADA					
AUTHORITY	General Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics				Canadian Farm Products
		Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	
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
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	114.9(r)
1946	108.7	101.1	105.7	109.5	98.8	124.4(r)
1947	129.1	117.3	129.3	130.7	117.4	132.7(r)
1948	153.2	140.5	153.6	156.1	140.0	149.3
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4
1948 January	146.9	135.2	145.8	148.3	136.5	147.1(r)
February	147.3	136.7	145.4	147.2	137.2	145.1(r)
March	146.9	137.3	144.9	147.3	136.7	144.5(r)
April	148.5	137.9	146.8	150.0	137.4	147.5(r)
May	150.0	138.4	148.6	152.5	137.4	150.5(r)
June	151.9	140.7	150.4	155.9	137.6	154.6(r)
July	152.0	141.0	151.1	154.7	138.5	153.6
August	157.8	143.1	160.9	162.6	143.2	151.2
September	158.2	143.8	161.4	162.7	143.8	149.7
October	159.2	143.9	162.1	163.9	143.8	149.2
November	159.7	144.0	162.9	164.5	143.9	149.9
December	159.5	144.3	162.6	163.6	144.0	148.9

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

(r) Revised.

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

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA			SOUTH AMERICA		
	UNITED STATES		MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU
AUTHORITY	Bureau of Labor Statistics			Banco de	Official	Official
No. of Commodities	General Index	Farm Products Index	Official	La Nacion	Official	Official
Base Period	889(a)	67	32	105	58	58
1913	69.8	71.5	-	75.5	100.0	100(b)
1920	154.4	150.7	-	-	-	239(b)
1926	100.0	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
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
1948	164.9	188.3	317.6	(c)	(c)	429
	(c)	(c)		(c)	(c)	
1939 August	75.0	61.0	129.1	102.9	414.0	-
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	1575.9	424
July	168.7	195.2	326.1	281.6	1589.9	430
August	169.5	191.0	330.5		1615.3	435
September	168.7	189.9	327.8		1654.3	437
October	165.2	183.5	330.9		1666.2	449
November	164.0	180.8	329.1			455
December	162.3	177.3	320.5			463

(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 COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM	SPAIN	E U R O P E		SWITZERLAND	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	SWEDEN	IRELAND
			Board of Trade	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
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	302.5	199	219.3
1948	219.3				232.5 (b)	315.7 (a)	214	-
1939 August	98.1	244.2			107.4	109.5	111	101.1
1948 January	212.1	744.4			234.4	308.6	207	233.0
February	216.7	743.0			234.3	309.0	209	233.5
March	217.2	734.0			234.5	309.6	210	231.9
April	219.3	726.3			234.0	309.0	213	234.2
May	220.4	730.5			233.4	310.6	214	231.7
June	222.1	739.9(r)			233.1	313.3	216	233.4
July	221.8	746.4			232.4	319.9	215	232.2
August	221.1	763.8			231.0	321.1	217	231.2
September	220.0	772.6			229.9	321.9	217	230.4
October	219.8	780.7			229.7	319.1	217	232.1
November	220.5	784.0			232.0	321.1	217	231.8
December	220.8				231.4	325.2	217	

(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.

(r) Revised.

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

CONTINENT COUNTRY	E U R O P E							
	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	
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	<sup>o</sup>
1948	5443	254	1090	1571	281			
	(c)	(c)	(c)					
1939 August		111	117	102	-	98	98	
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	
July	5139	258	1124	1698	279	182	247	
August	5704	259	1118	1783	280	181	254	
September	5769	259	1116	1791	279	181	252	
October	5724	259	1110	1887	284	181	251	
November	5674	259	1107	1977	289	182		
December	5696	263	1104	1971	291			

(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	EUROPE	ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
COUNTRY	BELGIUM	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		78	72	80	168	225	278
Base Period	1936-38	Sept., 38-Aug., 39	July, 1914	1936-39	1926-30	1913	1937
(f)							
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	-	-	108	101.1	107.1	101.9	100
1941	-	-	139	114.0	131.1	124.3	154
1942	-	-	185	124.2	141.6	139.5	206
1943	-	-	307	137.3	151.3	151.6	262
1944	-	-	298	139.6	155.8	157.0	303
1945	-	-	289	140.5	158.4	159.2	323
1946	-	-	324	141.2	158.4	163.1	317
1947	355	297	382	142.9	165.4	170.9	301
1948	389	368	408	(a)	(b)		329
1939 August	-	-	100	97.9	108.4	99.8(d)	-
1948 January	378	329	409	162.5	180.6	176.9	318
February	389	342	374	163.9	182.8	176.5	328
March	389	341	374	164.0	183.4	176.2	335
April	391	348	389	164.2(r)	185.3	176.9	337
May	391	367	408	165.8(r)	186.0	178.2	338
June	391	382	413	166.4(r)	186.6	185.3(r)	337
July	391	390	416	169.6	187.2	186.0	339
August	390	383	414	174.3	189.0	186.3	330
September	388	382	421	174.8	187.3	187.4	324
October	387	382	426	174.5		188.1	321
November	389	382	425	178.2		187.0	322
December	392	384	424				324

(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. (r) Revised. (f) The series for Palestine has been deleted owing to the absence of current data.

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

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA							
	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 (e)	Cost of Living		Foods
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	October, 1938	1939		1939
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-		-
1920	145.4	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
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
1948	155.0	195.5	171.2	210.2	184.4	318.9		319.4
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(a)			
1939	August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	-	-	-
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
	July	156.9	201.3	173.7	216.8	183.7	322.3	324.8
	August	157.5	202.6	174.5	216.6	190.2	327.4	328.6
	September	158.9	203.9	174.5	215.2	184.8	325.0	324.6
	October	159.6	205.4	173.6	211.5	185.5	325.6	325.2
	November	159.6	204.7	172.2	207.5	185.1	327.1	326.6
	December	158.9	202.0	171.4	205.0	185.1	325.7	324.7

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Since August 1945, "Consumers' Price Index for Moderate-Income Families in Large Cities". (d) October. (e) As this bulletin refers to a period prior to the entry of Newfoundland into Confederation with Canada, the St. John's index is still recorded separately.

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

CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE							
	UNITED KINGDOM		IRELAND		FRANCE		SWITZERLAND	
	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
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
1941	199	168	226	202	149	174	175	232
1942	200	161	250	225	174	193	200	247
1943	199	166	282	247	224	203	211	246
1944	201	168	295	262	275	207	215	257
1945	203	169	295	263	377	209	215	275
1946	203	169	291	263	645	208	210	361
1947	-	-	-	-	1043	217	222	424
1948	108	108	99	98	-	224	230	453
						(b)	(b)	599
1939 August	-	-	-	-	108	137	131	149
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)				170
1948 January	104	104	-	-	1437	224	230	449
February	106	108	99	97	1541	223	230	453
March	106	109	-	-	1518	223	229	457
April	108	109	-	-	1524	223	229	458
May	108	108	100	100	1541	223	229	451
June	110	114	-	-	1560	224	230	447
July	108	108	-	-	1559	223	229	444
August	108	107	99	98	1716	223	228	447
September	108	107	-	-	1842	223	229	450
October	108	108	-	-	1904	223	229	458
November	109	108	99	97	1873	226	235	461
December	109	108	-	-		225	232	463
								606

(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	EUROPE									
	COUNTRY	BELGIUM		DENMARK		FINLAND		SWEDEN		
Nature of Index		Cost of Living	Foods	200 Localities		32 Towns		Cost of Living	Foods	
				1935	1935	1935	1935			
Base Period		1936-38	1936-38	(e)	(e)			1935	1935	
1913		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1920		-	-	(b)	-	-	-	-	293(a)	
1926		-	-	108	-	119	-	-	158(a)	
1929		-	-	101	-	123	-	(d)	149(a)	
1939		-	-	109	-	111	112	108	115	
1941		-	-	157	169	155	162	138	149	
1942		-	-	164	169	183	189	149	162	
1943		-	-	166	167	206	211	152	160	
1944		-	-	168	168	219	214	151	160	
1945		-	-	170	170	307	334	151	158	
1946		-	-	169	170	490	525	152	160	
1947		-	-	173	177	636	769	156	169	
1948		393	384	177	180	856	1016	165	182	
1939 August		-	-	107(c)	108(c)	109	110	108(c)	114(c)	
1948 January		366	347	175	179	831	1037	-	-	
February		387	380	-	-	820	999	-	-	
March		393	383	-	-	829	990	163	180	
April		396	387	176	178	833	975	-	-	
May		398	389	-	-	833	963	-	-	
June		397	387	-	-	842	976	164	181	
July		396	386	179	181	881	983	-	-	
August		400	393	-	-	889	993	-	-	
September		403	399	-	-	885	978	166	185	
October		396	387	179	180	882	1124	-	-	
November		394	386	-	-	876	1098	-	-	
December		395	387	-	-	869	1075	166	183	

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

(d) Without taxes. (e) The series for Bulgaria has been deleted owing to the absence of current data.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE							
	NORWAY		NETHERLANDS		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		ITALY	
COUNTRY	31 Towns		Municipalities		Prague		Rome	
	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)
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
1948	158.6	151.5	206	228	291.8	295.0	-	-
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(c)	(c)		
1939 August	100.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	203	225	294.6	302.8	4,352	6,157
June	159.3	152.6	207	232	297.0	308.8	4,517	6,450
July	159.2	152.8	207	231	293.1	300.3	4,265	6,005
August	158.0	150.2	203	222	286.3	285.9	4,258	5,977
September	157.5	148.1	206	229	285.5	283.9	4,260	5,975
October	157.2	147.5	205	228	289.6	281.3	4,080	5,654
November	157.1	147.3	210	239	292.5	286.7	4,089	5,640
December	157.3	147.5	214	242	294.1	289.5		

(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 COUNTRY	EUROPE				AFRICA				EGYPT	
	PORTUGAL Cost of Living(b) Lisbon	ICELAND Cost of Living Reykjavik	HUNGARY Cost of Foods Living	SOUTHERN RHODESIA Cost of Living	SOUTH AFRICA Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	COST OF LIVING, CAIRO	Foods, CAIRO		
Base Period	July, 1938- June, 1939	Jan.-March 1939	August 26, 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)	
1941	122	160	189	-	108(d)	109(d)	108.2	109.9	138	131
1942	138	206	264	-	114(e)	118(e)	117.3	121.1	184	177
1943	154	256	330	-	119	120	124.4	131.6	242	-
1944	172	268	334	-	123	123	128.8	137.4	279	277
1945	188	277	342	-	127	127	132.2	140.5	293	287
1946	208	293	361	-	131	132	134.1	144.1	287	275
1947	211	315	373	462.1	135	144	139.7	152.0	279	271
1948	-	322	360	482.7	144	163	-	-	-	-
	(a)	(c)	(c)							
1939 August	-	103	104	-	100	100	99.3	97.7	-	-
1948 January	211	319	360	507.1	140	158	141.8	154.4	281	271
February	204	319	360	523.9	141	162	142.4	155.5	281	269
March	196	320	360	513.4	142	163	144.5	157.0	283	272
April	196	323	355	516.0	143	165	145.1	157.2	282	270
May	193	320	356	523.5	145	169	146.7	159.2	281	
June	200	319	356	490.8	145	166	148.5(r)	161.3(r)	281	
July	202	320	359	462.4	145	162	150.1	154.3	280	
August	209	321	359	455.0	145	157	149.4	153.6	280	
September	211	322	365	435.0	146	161	151.2	158.8	280	
October	213	324	365	453.4	146	162	151.8	159.2	279	
November	-	325	364	457.0	146	164	151.3	157.6		
December	326	364	455.3	605.5	147	167				

(a) Middle of month. (b) Cost of food, fuel, light and soap. (c) First of month. (d) August. (e) June

(f) Average June-December. (r) Revised.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	CHINA(a)	ASIA		JAPAN(a)	
		Cost of Living, Shanghai	INDIA Cost of Living, Bombay		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living,	Foods	Cost of Living, 28 Towns	Foods, 28 Towns	
Base Period	1937	July, 1933-June, 1934		August, 1946-March, 1947	
1913	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-	-
1939	172	106	114	-	-
1941	-	124	140	-	-
1942	-	157	180	-	-
1943	-	230	253	-	-
1944	-	237	-	-	-
1945	24,978	235	271	-	-
1946	337,601	259	317	-	-
1947	3,078,000	279	344	191	182
1948	-	-	-	-	15
1939 August	-	105	112	-	-
1948 January	11,293,000	271	322	286	255
February	16,308,000	276	323	302	284
March	18,806,000	284	326	310	290
April	29,997,000	291	330	322	294
May	29,970,000	292(r)	328	329	305
June	57,447,000	307	352	344	306
July	159,022,000	312	351	395	352
August	317,152,000	321	365	420	365
September	107(e)	323	370	418	352
October	128	315	-	406	330
November	1,903	317	-	433	360
December	2,145	-	-	-	-

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

(c) Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa. (d) Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. (e) New series. Base August 19, 1948=100

(r) Revised. (f) The series for Palestine dropped owing to absence of current data.

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CONTINENT	OCEANIA				CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA			BRAZIL
	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND	JAMAICA	TRINIDAD			
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 Foods Living	Cost of Foods, Living, Sao Paulo	
Base Period	July 1936-June 1939		December 1942	August, 1939		1935	1935	1939
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
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
1943	126.7	120.3	100.2	157.1	143.9	184	191(h)	150
1944	127.0	117.2	100.3	159.1	139.2	195	205	201
1945	127.0	117.9	100.4	158.7	143.0	196	208	232
1946	127.8	118.7	100.8	164.9	154.2	204	223	276
1947	130.9	120.8	103.9	194.8	176.7	203	252	328
1948	139.2	143.7		235.0	222.1	226		373
	(a)			(d)	(d)	(e)	(e)	9
1939 August	103.4(f)	-	-	100.0	100.0	108	-	-
1948 January	-	134.0	-	207.2	185.1	226	260	355
February	-	136.8	-	210.9	190.7	226	260	356
March	140.7	137.6	110.3	214.9	192.6	226	260	358
April	-	138.1	-	215.3	193.3	226	260	365
May	-	140.3	-	218.0	192.6	226	260	364
June	144.1	143.6	111.0	246.4	245.9	227	262	373
July	-	145.1	-	249.7	246.3	227	262	373
August	-	145.5	-	252.4	245.5	227	262	369
September	147.9	146.7	109.8	248.9	240.5	227	262	375
October	-	150.1	-	252.7	247.4	227	-	-
November	-	152.1	-	251.6	242.8	226	260	-
December	151.2	154.5	-	251.8	242.1	227	260	-

(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. (h) July

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA				PERU			
	ARGENTINA		COLOMBIA		CHILE			
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
1941	110.8	104.6	113.0	110.1	242	281	129	132
1942	110.9	115.1	122.8	121.6	304	367	145	148
1943	112.5	116.8	142.3	143.4	354	434	158	164
1944	99.7	103.7	171.2	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
1948							374	418
1939 August	-	-	115.8	116.7	186	206	-	-
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	306.4	764	865	368	412
June			292.6	315.0	770	880	370	413
July			294.6	316.4	788	911	372	414
August			292.3	308.0	811	934	377	417
September					838	957	379	420
October					836	954	383	428
November							387	433
December							391	439

(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.

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