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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1943

Wholesale price levels in the second half of 1943 showed smaller gains, or moderate declines from June, 1943 levels, but losses were never sufficient to outweigh advances made in the first half of the year. This hesitant behaviour in 1943 provided a contrast to price movements in 1918, when substantial increases were recorded in spite of the temporary check towards the close of the year when the collapse of Germany became increasingly certain.

Comparative increases in wholesale price index numbers from August, 1914 to December, 1918 and from August, 1939 to December, 1943 are shown following for the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada.

Percentage Rise in Wholesale Price Levels

		<u>United Kingdom</u>	<u>United States</u>	<u>Canada</u>
August, 1914 - December, 1918	126	97	99
August, 1939 - December, 1943	67	38	42

In the United States, the Bureau of Labor wholesale index moved downward in the latter half of 1943 influenced mainly by declines in farm product prices which had been rising sharply since the closing months of 1940. The reduction of maximum meat prices in July, seasonally lower prices for fresh fruits and vegetables, and declines in livestock towards the end of the year, combined to depress the general wholesale index slightly during the last six months of 1943. The net gain for the year was 2.2 p.c. as compared with 7.9 p.c. in 1942 and 17.0 p.c. in 1941.

The Canadian wholesale series recorded a steady advance throughout 1943, netting a gain of 5.7 p.c. for the year in contrast to 3.7 p.c. in 1942. This accelerating rate of increase was unusual among wholesale index records for 1943. It was supported by steady increases in farm product prices which continued upward throughout the year.

The Bank of Mexico November, 1943 wholesale index showed advances of 6 p.c. and 27 p.c. respectively, over June, 1943 and December, 1942. These figures indicated a considerably slower rate of increase in the latter half of 1943 which was due to smaller gains in consumers' goods.

In Argentina a determined effort was made during 1943 to check rapidly mounting prices. The entry of foreign capital was restricted; industrial profits were curbed; and maximum prices were placed upon articles of prime necessity. The November wholesale price index, although 5 p.c. higher than in December, 1942, was almost 1 p.c. below June, 1943.

Wholesale prices in the United Kingdom, as recorded by the Board of Trade index, rose by only 0.2 p.c. between June and December of 1943. Actually the index moved steadily lower after August, roughly paralleling the movement in the United States wholesale indexes.

Levels of wholesale prices in Sweden remained almost stable in 1943, after a persistent rise in the earlier war years. Controls were stiffened in November, 1942, by price fixations for some foods and manufactured articles, and this has since been made more comprehensive. The November, 1943 index was 1 p.c. below June, 1943, and was unchanged from December, 1942.

In the East, India, Egypt and Palestine have been alike in experiencing large price increases stimulated by war expenditures from outside sources; this has placed a heavy strain on economies not organized to exercise strong controls. In India during the second half of 1943, controls were placed on supplies and prices of wheat and other grains, and future trading was prohibited in certain commodities including castor, cotton and sesame seed, raw and manufactured cotton, and gold and silver. Up to September, 1943 the Calcutta index continued to rise steeply, but declined in the last three months to a level 5.6 p.c. below June, 1943. It was still 26.5 p.c. above the December, 1942 level.

Indexes for Australia and New Zealand, after following fairly similar patterns of wartime price increase for more than three years showed a divergence in 1943. The Australian wholesale series remained almost stable, ending the year 0.6 p.c. below its mid-year level and $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. above December, 1942. The New Zealand index rose appreciably in the first half and then more slowly to November when it reached a level 2 p.c. above June and almost 6 p.c. over December, 1942. South African index numbers after declining in the first six months resumed their rise in the latter half of the year.

WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1943

The second half of 1943 witnessed a continuance of small gains and occasional declines in world cost-of-living series. Mexico and Iceland were exceptional in showing more than fractional gains, but these were small compared to earlier advances. The index for Argentina recorded a notable decline of more than 5 p.c.

The United States Bureau of Labour index after rising steadily since early in 1941 declined slightly between June and December of 1943, although it recorded a gain of more than 3 p.c. for the year. A drop of $4\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. in foods in the last six months was greatly influenced by a reduction in maximum meat prices in July. All other groups showed gains in this period, the largest being a 5 p.c. increase in clothing.

The cost-of-living index for Iceland, which had risen from the outbreak of war to a December, 1942 peak 164 p.c. above August, 1939, recorded sharp declines early in 1943; these were partially offset by gains amounting to more than 5 p.c. in the second half.

In Mexico living costs continued an advance which began in the latter part of 1941 and continued through 1943. However, the June-November rise of 8 p.c. was small compared with a 35 p.c. increase for the year. The index for Argentina also showed a sharp rise in the first half of 1943, but official reduction of rents in June and new price controls for important foods including sugar, milk and bread were followed by a 9 p.c. drop in the July index; food prices continued to rise in the second half of 1943, but the December index was still $5\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. below June, 1943 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. below December, 1942.

Living costs in the United Kingdom, as recorded by the Ministry of Labour, have changed very little since early in 1941. During 1943 foods rose moderately above 1942 levels, and clothing prices declined, with the December, 1943 general index registering only fractional percentage changes from June, 1943 and December, 1942.

The rise in Australian living costs was checked in the latter half of 1943. A gain in the first half was chiefly due to increased clothing prices but subsequent slight declines in this group and lower food prices combined to reduce the December index to within 0.1 p.c. of its December, 1942 level. The South African series, which has recorded a wartime rise approximately paralleling that for Australia, showed a larger 1943 gain of 4.5 p.c. The New Zealand wartime index in the September quarter was 0.4 p.c. below its base period, December, 1942.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

Second Half of 1943

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>		
	June, 1943	December, 1942	August, 1939
	<u>-- and latest month available in 1943 --</u>		
Argentina	- 0.9	+ 5.2	+ 96.9
Australia	- 0.6	+ 1.4	+ 41.9
Canada	+ 2.9	+ 5.7	+ 41.8
India	- 5.6	+ 26.5	+ 201.0
Mexico	+ 6.3	+ 27.0	+ 52.7
New Zealand	+ 2.0	+ 5.6	+ 43.8
Sweden	- 1.0	0.0	+ 75.7
Switzerland	+ 0.6	+ 2.2	+ 104.4
Union of South Africa	+ 3.1	+ 4.7	+ 55.7
United Kingdom	+ 0.2	+ 1.3	+ 66.6
United States	- 0.6	+ 2.2	+ 37.6

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

Second Half of 1943

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>		
	June, 1943	December, 1942	August, 1939
	<u>-- and latest month available in 1943 --</u>		
Argentina	- 5.5	- 2.5	-
Australia	- 1.8	+ 0.1	+ 22.5
Canada	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 18.4
Iceland	+ 5.3	- 4.8	+ 151.5
Mexico	+ 8.1	+ 35.5	+ 73.1
Switzerland	+ 0.5	+ 2.0	+ 48.9
Union of South Africa	+ 0.5	+ 4.5	+ 26.5
United Kingdom	+ 0.5	- 0.5	+ 28.4
United States	- 0.3	+ 3.3	+ 26.2

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		NORTH AMERICA							
COUNTRY		C A N A D A					UNITED STATES		MEXICO
AUTHORITY		Dominion Bureau of Statistics					Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Official
		General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index		
No. of Commodities	510(b)	207	366	213	297	30	200	889(a)	32
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1929
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	-	66.2	69.8
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	-	149.8	154.4
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(a)100.0	-
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8	96.3	95.3
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	51.3	61.6	64.8
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1	64.6	66.0
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0	76.6	75.0
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4	83.0	80.0
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3	83.7	80.8
1937	84.6	132.1	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3	90.7	86.3
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3	81.2	78.6
1939	75.4	117.8	75.3	70.4	67.4	75.3	69.0	80.9	77.1
1940	82.9	129.5	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	79.0	83.6	78.6
1941	90.0	140.6	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	87.3	93.5	87.3
1942	95.6	149.3	95.8	88.4	90.1	92.0	94.2	106.4	98.8
1939 August	72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	65.3	78.2	75.0
1943 January	97.1	151.7	96.1	90.8	93.1	92.5	96.1	110.1	101.9
February	97.5	152.3	96.4	91.3	93.9	92.7	96.3	110.8	102.5
March	98.5	153.9	96.7	92.7	95.6	93.3	96.6	111.7	103.4
April	98.9	154.5	96.7	93.2	97.1	92.7	96.7	112.0	103.7
May	99.2	155.0	97.0	93.6	98.0	92.7	97.0	112.0	104.1
June	99.6	155.6	97.3	94.1	98.7	92.8	97.5	111.7	103.8
July	100.1	156.4	97.5	95.2	100.0	92.8	97.8	110.8	103.2
August	100.4	156.8	97.4	95.7	100.5	93.0	98.7	110.5	103.1
September	101.2	158.1	97.0	97.2	101.4	93.7	98.7	110.8	103.1
October	101.9	159.2	97.3	98.2	103.2	93.7	99.1	111.2	103.0
November	102.4	159.9	97.4	98.9	103.8	93.8	99.2	111.1	102.9
December	102.5	160.1	97.8	99.4	104.2	93.8	99.4	111.9	103.2

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

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	S O U T H A M E R I C A			E U R O P E				
COUNTRY	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM		SWITZERLAND	GERMANY	
AUTHORITY	Banco de La Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Economist	Federal Labour Department	Federal Statis- tical Office
No. of Commodities	108		58	200	10(e)	58	78	400
Base Period	1926	1913	1913	1930	1935	1927	July, 1914	1913
1913	75.5	100.0	100	-	150.2	-	-	100.0
1920	-	-	239	(d)307.3	290.5	-	-	136.7 July
1926	100.0	-	203	(d)148.1	199.1	-	144.5	(a)134.4
1929	96.4	192.8	186	(d)136.5	166.2	92.4	141.2	137.2
1932	89.5	230.4	170	85.6	84.9	62.6	96.0	96.5
1933	85.6	346.0	180	85.7	90.9	63.1	91.0	93.3
1934	98.4	343.6	188	88.1	98.7	65.6	89.8	98.4
1935	97.0	343.3	189	89.0	100.0	68.6	89.8	101.8
1936	99.2	379.6	192	94.4	114.7	72.8	95.6	104.1
1937	112.6	454.6	205	108.8	134.1	82.5	111.2	105.9
1938	105.5	432.1	205	101.4	101.1	71.9	107.1	105.7
1939	108.2	420.7	215	102.8	109.4	74.2	111.2	106.9
1940	123.4	464.1	248	136.6	133.5	96.4	143.0	110
1941	145.1	541.3	290	152.6	137.4	105.7	183.5	112
1942	187.6	736.0	367 (c)	159.4	142.2 (b)	111.0 (b)	209.6 (b)	114
1939 August	102.9	414.0	216	98.1	106.4	70.3	107.4	107
1943 January	196.7	800.0	394	162.1	143.6	113.5	215.2	116
February	199.5	803.3	403	162.1	141.4	113.4	216.8	116
March	200.0	808.8	407	162.2	146.9	114.2	217.2	116
April	201.3	809.2	414	162.8	146.6	114.6	217.9	116
May	203.0	816.3	418	163.3	146.5	114.8	218.1	116
June	204.4	822.1	423	163.1	146.9	114.8	218.2	116
July	204.0	822.2	427	164.0	147.9	114.7	217.9	117
August	204.1	815.2	432	162.2	148.4	114.3	217.7	117
September	202.7	816.2	431	162.9	149.6	114.3	219.5	116
October	202.9		432	162.5	149.5	113.6		
November	202.6			162.7	149.7	113.5		
December				163.4	149.7	113.7		

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

(e) Sensitive commodities.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	EUROPE		ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
COUNTRY	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	INDIA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
AUTHORITY	Commerce Department	Official	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	160	548	72	56		180	188	23
Base Period	1935(c)	1929	July 1914	1913	July, 1928-June, 1929	1926-30=1000	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
1913	100	-	-	100.0	-	-	100.0	-
1920	359	-	201	259.4	-	-	223.3	316
1926	149	-	148	178.8	(d)	-	123.3	132
1929	140	100	141	166.1	100.4	988	115.1	116
1932	109	82	91	121.7	81.5	878	91.5	84
1933	107	71	87	135.6	81.1	904	93.1	71
1934	114	71	89	134.2	81.4	909	101.7	87
1935	100(c)	78	91	140.2	84.0	937	94.8	95
1936	102	80	91	149.2	89.2	946	98.6	85
1937	114	86	102	180.0	91.1	1021	101.0	88
1938	111	87	95	189.9	91.6	1036	104.4	91
1939	115	86	108	209.7	94.9	1071	101.9	88
1940	146	100	120	235	103.3	1195	113.2	100
1941	172	123	139	-	112.5	1311	124.3	130
1942	189	-	185	-	124.4	1416	139.5	181
			(a)			(b)		
1939 August	111	86	100	206.7	88.8(e)	1084	(f) 99.8	83
1943 January	196	162	250	276	122.3(e)	1462	148.3	219
February	197	166	253		123.5(e)	1472	148.9	225
March	197	166	272		124.8(e)	1476	149.2	219
April	197	168	293		125.3(e)	1508	148.9	220
May	197	172	325		125.4(e)	1522	150.0	-
June	197	175	319		126.8	1528	150.7	-
July	196		332		127.2	1522	151.4	224
August	195		345		126.4	1522	153.3	228
September	195		349		126.7	1520	153.3	237
October	195		335		126.2	1532	154.0	237
November	195		314		126.1	1559	155.4	
December			301		126.0			

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

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

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA										EUROPE
COUNTRY	CANADA		UNITED STATES			MEXICO		NEWFOUNDLAND		UNITED KINGDOM	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Official		Official		Minister of Labour	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods		Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living St. John's	Foods St. John's	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1923	1934	1934	October, 1938		July, 1914	
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	118.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	-	-	-	-	249	256
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	100.1	-	-	-	-	172	164
1932	77.0	85.7	97.6	86.4	77.9	-	-	-	-	164	154
1933	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	-	-	-	-	144	126
1934	95.6	92.7	95.7	93.7	79.4	100.0	100.0	-	-	140	120
1935	96.2	94.6	98.1	100.4	82.6	107.5	107.5	-	-	141	122
1936	98.1	97.8	99.1	101.3	84.8	114.4	113.6	-	-	143	125
1937	101.2	103.2	102.7	105.3	88.5	138.5	136.7	-	-	147	130
1938	102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	86.4	153.3	157.9	-	-	154	139
1939	101.5	100.6	97.4	95.2	85.2	155.4	156.2	-	-	156	141
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.8	157.3	153.6	104.4(c)	108.6(c)	158	141
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.1	163.9	158.5	-	-	184	164
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	188.3	179.0	128.2(c)	143.0(c)	199	168
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)			140.3	163.1	200	161
								(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.5	156.0	157.4	-	-	155	137
1943 January	117.1	127.3	120.6	133.0	101.4	204.2	192.0	149.7	178.0	199	164
February	116.9	126.7	120.9	133.6	101.8	213.4	200.9	148.1	175.4	199	164
March	117.2	127.7	122.8	137.4	103.0	219.3	206.2	144.0	166.6	199	165
April	117.6	128.7	124.1	140.6	104.0	230.8	215.6	144.6	167.1	198	165
May	118.1	129.9	125.1	143.0	104.2	247.8	232.0	145.3	168.7	199	165
June	118.5	130.9	124.8	141.9	104.3	249.8	233.4	146.1	170.0	198	165
July	118.8	131.8	123.9	139.0	103.1	258.3	243.8	148.9	176.2	200	168
August	119.2	133.2	123.4	137.2	102.8	262.7	242.3	149.4	176.9	199	167
September	119.4	133.5	123.9	137.4	103.1	264.5	243.0	150.0	178.2	198	166
October	119.3	132.9	124.4	138.2	103.7	266.0	245.3	148.5	175.0	199	168
November	119.4	133.1	124.2	137.3	103.7	270.0	250.1	156.7	173.2	199	168
December	119.3	132.7	124.4	137.1	103.9			158.2	176.8	199	168

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

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

CONTINENT	EUROPE								AFRICA				ASIA	
COUNTRY	EIRE		SWITZERLAND		PORTUGAL	ICELAND		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE		
Nature of Index	105 Towns & Localities	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	34 Towns	34 Towns	June, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	Jan.-Mch. 1939	Jan.-Mch. 1939	Cairo	Cairo	9 Towns	9 Towns	Arab and Jewish
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	224	242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	185	179	162	160	-	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458	1,660	-	-	-
1929	176	169	161	156	2,361	-	-	160	158(b)	1,063	1,096	-	-	-
1932	157	141	138	126	1,949	-	-	151	146	1,066	1,072	-	-	-
1933	151	131	131	117	1,948	-	-	132	112	958	891	-	-	-
1934	152	135	129	115	1,968	-	-	125	101	932	917	-	-	-
1935	155	140	128	114	1,982	-	-	127	110	945	964	-	-	-
1936	160	147	130	120	2,022	-	-	130	115	940	947	-	-	-
1937	170	156	137	130	2,102	-	-	130	113	943	942	-	-	-
1938	173	159	137	130	2,037	-	-	129	111	965	954	-	-	-
1939	178	163	138	132	2,037	-	-	131	115	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
1940	205	183	151	146	1,918	103	104	131	112	999	993	-	-	-
1941	226	202	174	175	2,009	128	136	143	118	1,034	1,025	-	-	-
1942	250	225	193	200	2,268	160	189	177	147	1,082	1,099	-	-	-
	(a)	(a)	(d)	(d)	2,758	206	264	235	196	1,173	1,211	-	-	-
					(a)	(c)	(c)							
1939 August	173	158	137	131	1,903	103	104	128	110	993	977	-	-	-
1943 January	-	-	201	209	3,037	263	352	285	240	1,211	1,267	122.6	135.0	
February	273	243	201	209	3,053	262	349	293	254	1,220	1,287	125.4	138.4	
March	-	-	201	210	3,095	262	349	294	252	1,226	1,289	124.8	136.7	
April	-	-	203	210	3,107	261	348	303	255	1,232	1,302	129.2	141.8	
May	275	237	203	210	3,094	249	318	-	-	1,248	1,339	137.4	154.7	
June	-	-	203	211	3,096	246	308	-	-	1,250	1,338	141.5	160.0	
July	-	-	204	211	-	245	305	310	253	1,248	1,317	141.0	158.0	
August	284	249	204	211	-	247	306	315	267	1,253	1,329	139.0	152.9	
September	-	-	204	212	-	262	341	323	278	1,259	1,337	-	-	
October	-	-	-	-	-	260	328	-	-	1,258	1,330	-	-	
November	294	261	-	-	-	259	326	-	-	1,256	1,323	-	-	
December	-	-	-	-	-	259	324	-	-	-	-	-	-	

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month. (d) Last week of month. (e) New official series. January 1942 is linked to pre-war period by a ratio of 175 to 100.

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Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Bombay	Foods, Bombay	Cost of Living, Tokio	Foods, Tokio	Cost of Living, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Foods and Groceries, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Foods, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Lima	Foods, Lima	Cost of Living, Santiago	Foods, Santiago	Cost of Living, Buenos Aires	Foods, Buenos Aires
Base Period	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1928 June, 1929	July, 1928 June, 1929	1926-1930	1926-1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928	1939	1939
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	101.9	116.5	210	208	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	199	217	(f)	(f)	101.0	102.6	201	182	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	181	203	99.7	100.7	100.4	101.3	177	159	109	119	-	-
1932	-	-	137	158	79.4	75.3	83.8	77.5	151	143	114	115	-	-
1933	-	-	146	161	79.4	76.1	79.5	73.2	148	139	(a) 141	147	88.8	-
1934	-	-	149	164	80.7	78.6	80.8	77.4	(c) 150	148	142	149	84.0	-
1935	100	103	152	170	82.3	80.7	83.7	83.5	152	147	144	155	89.1	-
1936	101	107	159	184	84.1	83.4	86.4	87.0	160	157	157	171	96.6	-
1937	106	114	174	193	86.8	85.6	92.2	95.6	170	173	176	205	99.1	-
1938	106	113	200	210	89.4	90.8	95.1	99.1	172	169	184	214	98.4	-
1939	106	114	224	238	91.3	91.9	99.0	105.2	170	159	187	210	100.0	-
1940	112	125	260	281	96.6	93.9	103.5	107.6	133	174	210	245	102.3	102.3
1941	124	140	-	-	102.3	96.8	107.3	110.4	198	197	242	281	105.0	105.2
1942	157	180	-	-	110.2	104.2	110.9	112.7	222	220	304	367	110.9	115.1
			(b)	(b)	(a)		(b)							
1939 August	105	112	223	235	(e) 89.9	91.0			171	161	186	206	-	-
1943 January	203	223			-	102.1	-	-	230	227	328	397	114.2	116.5
February	205	223			-	102.6	-	-	234	234	333	407	113.8	115.6
March	208	225			110.1	104.6	(g) 101.1	-	235	236	336	412	119.7	125.9
April					-	104.9	-	-	236	237	351	429	118.3	121.1
May					-	104.8	-	-	237	238	359	447	117.9	120.4
June					112.1	105.0	(g) 100.0	-	241	241	365	458	115.3	115.6
July					-	105.6	-	-	242	243	360	447	106.1	111.1
August					-	101.7	-	-	247	252	361	442	106.5	112.0
September					111.1	101.1	(g) 99.6	-	248	253	365	448	107.4	113.6
October					-	101.1	-	-	250	255			107.6	114.0
November					-	100.5	-	-					109.6	117.7
December					110.1	100.2							109.0	116.5

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent. (e) June quarter, 1939. (f) Each yearly index is for the period from July of specified year to June of year following. (g) New wartime price series on base December 1942=100, computed quarterly, beginning March 1943.

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