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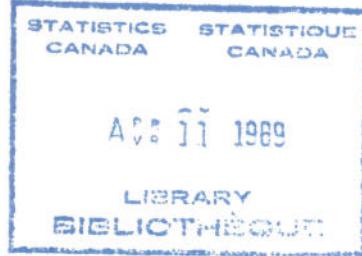
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INDEX NUMBERS OF MANUFACTURED AND NATURAL FUEL GAS
USED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES. 1913 TO 1934.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of prices for manufactured fuel gas used by domestic consumers in Canada again fell slightly in 1934 to 94.2, as compared with 94.3 in 1933 (1926=100). Since 1921, when the index stood at 109.4, it has declined without interruption to the present level. The corresponding index for natural gas consumed as domestic fuel was 93.4 as against 93.9 in 1933. This index gradually declined from a peak of 104.0 in 1925 to a low point of 92.5 in 1930. Slight advances occurred in 1931 and 1932, after which the index again receded.

~~The percentage of change in natural gas rates since 1926 has been in line roughly with that registered by manufactured gas. Previous to that time the price of manufactured gas fluctuated within much narrower limits than natural gas. Actual prices for manufactured gas are, of course, materially higher than those for natural gas.~~

It is interesting to note that the decline registered by coal prices from 1927 to 1932, corresponded closely with that shown for manufactured gas. In 1933 a sharp decline in coal occurred, which was not fully reflected in the gas index. Both groups recorded slightly lower prices in 1934. Coke prices, on the whole, showed greater recessions than the two groups mentioned from 1927 to 1933, the only exception being for the year 1929, when a slight advance took place. Higher prices caused the coke index to rise sharply in 1934.

Price decreases for manufactured gas were few in number and small in amount. At Guelph, the net price per thousand cubic feet, fell from 70¢ to 65¢, and at Sault Ste. Marie from \$1.60 to \$1.54.

No price changes occurred in natural gas with regard to the first thousand cubic feet. However, as indexes are reckoned from typical bills, rather than from the cost of the first thousand cubic feet of gas, a decline in the bill for Windsor, Ontario, which more than offset an advance in that for Chatham, Ontario, caused the downward trend as noted in the final index for both the Dominion and Ontario.

In the tables which follow, yearly prices for both manufactured and natural fuel gas are given from 1913 to 1934 for Canadian cities where consumption is considerable. Index numbers of prices may also be found based upon rates in 1913 and rates in 1926.

PRICES OF MANUFACTURED FUEL GAS USED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION IN
SPECIFIED CITIES IN CANADA, 1913 to 1934

Net Price per 1,000 cu.ft. as at the end of each year (exclusive of meter rent or other service charges)

	1913	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Nova Scotia -	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Halifax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
New Brunswick #																			
St. John	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.50	2.50	2.25	2.25	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	
Quebec -																			
Montreal	.90	.85	.85	.85	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	
Quebec ^{44,45}	1.20	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.75	1.75	1.55	1.55	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	
Sherbrooke	1.25	1.25	1.50	1.50	1.57	1.57	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.35	1.35	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	
Ontario -																			
Belleville	1.25	1.45	1.60	1.65	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	
Brockville .....	.90	-	1.40	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.70	1.53	1.44	1.38	1.35	1.35
Guelph	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hamilton ^x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kingston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kitchener	1.10	1.25	1.35	1.35	1.80	1.70	1.60	1.60	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.44	1.44	1.40	1.40	1.35	1.25	
London .....	.90	.90	.90	.90	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.95
Oshawa	1.40	1.40	1.75	1.75	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	
(Ottawa	1.10	1.00-	1.06-	1.15-	1.29-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	1.43-	
Owen Sound	1.25	1.26	1.26	1.26	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	
Peterborough	1.25	1.40	1.75	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	
St. Thomas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sault Ste Marie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Stratford	1.20	1.30	1.45	1.45	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	
Toronto .....	.70	.80	.90	1.00	1.10	1.25	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85
Waterloo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manitoba -																			
Winnipeg	1.20	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	
British Columbia -																			
New Westminster.	2.25	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	
Vancouver	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	
Victoria	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	

(1) First price for standard service; second price for dual service.
x Hamilton has been included with the manufactured gas companies, as the volume of natural gas distributed there is very small.

INDEX NUMBERS OF THE PRICES OF MANUFACTURED FUEL GAS USED FOR
DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION 1913 to 1934.

Weighted According to Consumption (Inclusive of Meter Rent, or other Service Charges)
Prices in 1913=100

	1913	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Dominion	100.0	100.7	107.4	111.1	125.4	143.6	140.6	135.7	134.6	131.6	131.1	129.3	128.9	128.0	125.3	123.9	123.6	123.5	
Provinces																			
Maritime	100.0	100.0	159.5	195.2	195.2	242.9	242.9	242.9	242.9	219.0	195.2	195.2	195.2	195.2	195.2	195.2	195.2	195.2	
Quebec	100.0	89.3	90.3	91.0	108.3	122.7	121.4	121.4	121.4	121.2	121.0	116.9	116.9	116.8	116.8	116.8	116.8	116.8	
Ontario	100.0	108.4	119.4	125.9	141.7	165.4	160.1	150.5	149.9	143.8	143.4	143.0	142.3	141.2	140.4	134.5	131.6	131.1	
Prairie (1 city)	100.0	106.7	112.5	117.5	133.3	133.3	130.0	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	
British Columbia	100.0	100.0	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	99.4	99.2	96.9	96.9	
Cities																			
St. John	100.0	100.0	159.5	195.2	195.2	242.9	242.9	242.9	242.9	219.0	195.2	195.2	195.2	195.2	195.2	195.2	195.2	195.2	
Montreal	100.0	89.5	89.5	105.3	121.1	121.1	121.1	121.1	121.1	121.1	121.1	116.6	116.6	116.6	116.6	116.6	116.6	116.6	
Quebec	100.0	83.3	94.2	104.2	145.8	145.8	129.2	129.2	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	
Sherbrooke	100.0	100.0	119.0	119.0	124.8	120.0	113.3	113.3	113.3	102.9	102.9	93.1	93.1	93.1	93.1	93.1	93.1	93.1	
Belleville	100.0	116.0	128.0	132.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	
Brockville	100.0	-	-	155.6	155.6	222.2	222.2	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	188.8	170.4	165.2	156.2	149.6	149.6	149.6	
Kitchener	100.0	112.9	121.4	121.4	160.0	151.4	142.9	142.9	134.3	117.1	97.1	97.1	97.1	97.1	97.1	97.1	97.1	97.1	
London	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	124.7	136.8	128.9	126.3	121.1	121.1	115.9	115.9	115.9	115.9	115.9	115.9	115.9	
Oshawa	100.0	100.0	123.7	118.6	145.8	145.8	145.8	145.8	142.4	135.6	128.8	128.8	111.8	111.8	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	
Ottawa	100.0	101.1	97.3	98.7	111.8	128.3	128.3	128.3	128.3	127.1	127.1	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	
Owen Sound	100.0	91.2	100.7	100.7	155.0	127.1	127.1	127.1	127.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	
Peterborough	100.0	112.0	140.0	160.0	160.0	152.0	152.0	152.0	152.0	152.0	152.0	140.8	132.8	125.4	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0	
Stratford	100.0	103.0	115.1	118.9	160.4	160.4	160.4	160.4	160.4	160.4	160.4	160.4	145.3	141.5	136.2	133.9	133.9	133.9	
Toronto	100.0	110.7	125.0	133.3	150.0	178.6	170.1	157.1	157.1	157.1	157.1	150.0	150.0	145.2	142.8	142.8	142.8	142.8	
Winnipeg	100.0	106.7	112.5	112.5	117.5	133.3	133.3	130.0	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	
New Westminster	100.0	100.0	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	78.0	72.0	72.0	72.0	72.0	72.0	72.0	
Vancouver	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4	
Victoria	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5	

**INDEX NUMBERS OF THE PRICES OF MANUFACTURED FUEL GAS USED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION
1913 to 1934**

**PRICES OF NATURAL FUEL GAS FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION
IN SPECIFIED CITIES IN CANADA, 1913 to 1934.**

Net price per 1,000 cu.ft. (exclusive of meter rent or other service charges)
Where double quotations are shown, the first figure is the regular rate, and the second figure
single quotations apply to the end of the year).

INDEX NUMBERS OF THE PRICES OF NATURAL FUEL GAS USED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION, 1913 to 1934.

Weighted According to Consumption (inclusive of meter rent, or other service charges)
Prices in 1913 = 100.

INDEX NUMBERS OF THE PRICES OF NATURAL GAS USED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

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WEIGHTED ACCORDING TO CONSUMPTION (INCLUSIVE OF METER RENT AND OTHER SERVICE CHARGES)
Price in 1936-1937

Histones in 1926-1930