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COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS FOR CANADA, 1913-1942

This bulletin provides a complete historical record of monthly Dominion cost-of-living index numbers from 1913 to 1942 on the base 1935-1939=100. It also contains brief commentaries on cost-of-living changes during the war of 1914-1918 and the present war. This publication will replace the cost-of-living section which ordinarily would have been included in the printed annual report Prices and Price Indexes for 1941 and 1942. The printed report has been discontinued temporarily as an economy measure.

REVIEW OF COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS, 1913-1942
(1935-1939=100)

Living costs prior to the outbreak of war in 1914 were substantially lower than they have been at any subsequent period to the end of 1942. This fact has been overlooked by some commentators making comparisons of actual commodity prices during this war and for the corresponding period of the last war. Although price increases were generally much greater during the first three years of the last war than in the three years ending December, 1942, some of them at the end of 1917 remained lower than corresponding prices at the end of 1942. In 1914, however, these same prices were relatively much lower than in August, 1939.

The Dominion cost-of-living index in August, 1914 was 79.6. It varied but little from this level until the end of 1915, but from then until July, 1920 an almost unbroken rise in prices occurred which reached a peak level of 150.6. The ensuing reaction was also very sharp, carrying the index down to an average of 120.4 for 1922. This index which represented the post-war stabilization level was more than 50 p.c. higher than the pre-war level. The period of stable prices continued until 1930, when a further severe decline began. Even at the lowest point reached, however, (93.3 in May and June, 1933) the index remained well above 1914 levels. Subsequent recovery was irregular; the highest point reached was 103.1 in August, 1938, and the August, 1939 level of 100.8 was more than 20 points above the August, 1914 index. There was an almost immediate upturn of about 3 points after the outbreak of war, but, as occurred in the last war, no evidence of a sharp sustained advance could be observed for more than a year after hostilities commenced. Such a rise appeared to be developing in 1941, but it was effectively checked by the imposition of a general price 'ceiling' in December, 1941. After advancing 7.8 points in 1941 to 115.8 for December, the index mounted by only 3.0 points in 1942. The corresponding rise in 1917 was over 14 points.

COMPARATIVE COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS, 1914-1917 AND 1939-1942

Movements in living costs during the first two years of both wars offer a marked parallel. In both cases there was an immediate advance of approximately 3 points* followed by a period in which no significant change occurred. In the first war this continued until the fall of 1915, while in 1940, a gradual advance commenced in March. However, the net increase of 3.4 points from January, 1915 to January, 1916 compared closely with the 4.4 point advance between January, 1940 to January, 1941. In 1916 and 1941, the rate of increase accelerated during the latter half of the year, and by November, the 1916 index on a pre-war base was 116.1 as compared with 115.4 for November, 1941 on the base August 1939=100. From then on, the parallel was broken. In 1917, living costs continued sharply upward, while in 1942 the increase

* In 1914, the wartime increase dates from July instead of August as in the present war. The cost-of-living index rose from 78.6 in July to 80.9 in October, 1941 (1935-1939=100).

was small, although upward adjustments in 'ceiling' prices for beef and potatoes resulted in an advance of about 2 points in the second half of the year. This was almost balanced by a decline in January, 1943, due to governmental action to reduce prices for milk, tea, coffee, and oranges by means of subsidies and an import duty reduction on oranges. On a pre-war base, the January, 1943 cost-of-living index of 116.2 compared with a January, 1918 index of 137.2.

CONTRIBUTION OF BUDGET GROUPS TO COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES, AUGUST, 1939-DECEMBER, 1942

Table I shows the contribution of each budget group to the increase in points recorded by the cost-of-living index from August, 1939 to December, 1942. The net effect of the movements of each group upon the total index between August, 1939 and December, 1942 is shown in the first column. In the other columns the total change is broken down into three shorter periods. The second column shows changes between August, 1939 and March, 1941, when the economy was in process of reorganization to a war basis, and pressure on retail prices was yet to become heavy. The third column lists the effects on the index of the strong upward surge of prices between March and November, 1941, when it seemed that the inflationary spiral was commencing as it had in the similar period of 1916. The fourth column gives group contributions to index changes from November, 1941, the month preceding the imposition of the price 'ceiling', to December, 1942.

Table 1. Contribution of Budget Groups to Changes in the Cost-of-Living Index,
August, 1939-December, 1942.

(Changes are expressed as points added to the Total Index)

Budget Group	Aug. 1939-Dec. 1942 40 Months	Aug. 1939-Mar. 1941 19 Months	Mar. 1941-Nov. 1941 8 Months	Nov. 1941-Dec. 1942 13 Months
Foods	+ 10.45	+ 3.04	+ 5.11	+ 2.30
Dairy Products	+ 2.36	+ 1.67	+ 0.28	+ 0.41
Eggs	+ 1.52	- 0.25	+ 1.55	+ 0.22
Meats and Fish	+ 3.75	+ 0.65	+ 2.17	+ 0.93
Cereals	+ 0.43	+ 0.38	+ 0.03	+ 0.02
Dry Groceries	+ 1.09	+ 0.56	+ 0.46	+ 0.07
Vegetables	+ 0.28	- 0.09	+ 0.09	+ 0.28
Fruits	+ 1.02	+ 0.12	+ 0.53	+ 0.37
Fuel and Lighting	+ 0.84	+ 0.60	+ 0.23	+ 0.01
Rentals	+ 1.36	+ 0.70	+ 0.63	+ 0.03
Clothing	+ 2.41	+ 1.68	+ 0.71	+ 0.02
Homefurnishings and Services	+ 1.50	+ 0.95	+ 0.57	- 0.02
Miscellaneous	+ 1.34	+ 0.33	+ 0.85	+ 0.16
Index Increase in Points	+17.9	+ 7.3	+ 8.1	+ 2.5

The outstanding feature of this statement is the predominant and steadily increasing influence of foods on the movements of the index. Over the whole wartime period, this group has contributed 10.45 points or 58.4 p.c. of the total increase. Its share in the August, 1939-March, 1941 period was 3.04 points, 41.6 p.c. of the total. From March, 1941 to November, 1941, it caused 63.1 p.c. of a total rise of 8.1 points; and between November, 1941 and December, 1942, of a 2.5 point increase, foods were responsible for 92.0 p.c.

Meats and fish have made the largest contribution to the change arising from foods in every period except that from August, 1939 to March, 1941. Then, 55.3 p.c. of food's share in the change in the index was derived from dairy products. In that period, meats and fish contributed 21.4 p.c. of food's share; from March to November, 1941, 42.5 p.c.; from November, 1941 to December, 1942, 40.4 p.c.; and over the whole forty months, 35.9 p.c. Between August, 1939 and March, 1941, dry groceries contributed 18.4 p.c. of foods 3.04 point increase, in response to coffee, tea and sugar price changes. The only decrease recorded by food sub-groups were in the August, 1939-March, 1941 period, when eggs and vegetables each brought the index down a fraction of a point.

Other budget groups have all advanced since August, 1939, but only clothing has added to the index by more than two points. Clothing added 2.41 points, or 13.5 p.c. of the index's increase from August, 1939 to December, 1942. Of the increase ascribed to clothing, 1.68 points were added between August, 1939 and March, 1941. The fuel and light contribution of 0.84 points, constitute the smallest group addition to the index's 17.9 point rise.

PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AND SERVICES, AUGUST, 1939-DECEMBER, 1942

Although the total cost-of-living index advanced by only 17.9 p.c. from August, 1939 to December, 1942, a substantial number of index items have increased by much more than this amount. Conversely, a considerable number of important living requirements have changed very little. Public reaction to the index undoubtedly has been influenced by the fact that some of the largest increases have occurred for items which are purchased frequently, while other important items that produce only occasional expenditures have risen very little. The following foods, for example, have advanced by more than 50 p.c.: butter, cheese, stewing beef, veal, finnan haddie, salt, lard, tea, and oranges. On the other hand, 26 of the 37 items in the miscellaneous index, either remained unchanged or increased by less than 10 p.c. This group represents 23 p.c. of the total index budget, and includes items such as hospital fees, life insurance premiums, doctors' fees, etc., which are paid infrequently and have changed very little since 1939.

Only in the food and homefurnishings groups did a majority of items advance by more than 20 p.c. Rent, fuel and lighting, and miscellaneous items forming 48 p.c. of the index budget included only four items recording an increase of more than 20 p.c. However, 24 of the 44 food items advanced by more than 30 p.c. and 12 rose by more than 50 p.c.

Table 2. Distribution of Percentage Changes in Prices of Individual Items in the Cost-of-Living Index, August, 1939-January, 1942

	Total	Food	Rent	Fuel	Clothing	Home-furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
Decreases	4	3	-	-	-	-	1
No Change	6	1	-	-	-	-	5
<u>Increases</u>							
0.1 - 4.9 p.c.	25	4	-	-	-	4	17
5.0 - 9.9 "	15	-	2	2	4	3	4
10.0 - 14.9 "	19	4	-	1	6	3	5
15.0 - 19.9 "	16	3	-	-	9	2	2
20.0 - 24.9 "	14	-	-	-	3	8	3
25.0 - 29.9 "	12	5	-	1	3	3	-
30.0 - 34.9 "	5	2	-	-	2	1	-
35.0 - 39.9 "	7	6	-	-	-	1	-
40.0 - 44.9 "	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
45.0 - 49.9 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50.0 + "	12	12	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	139*	44	2	4	27	25	37

* 10 items added to the index after August, 1939.

PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AND SERVICES, NOVEMBER, 1941-DECEMBER, 1942

The effectiveness of price control during this period is indicated by the fact that only 10 of 139 items increased by 10 p.c. or more. These 10 items without exception, had been the subject of authorized increases, or were specifically exempt from 'ceiling' price regulations.

They included certain cuts of beef, veal, lamb, finnan haddie, butter, potatoes, and lemons. From the statement following, it may be noted that 43 items were unchanged during this period, and 33 declined in price by small amounts. Among the 63 increases, 33 were for less than 2 p.c.

Table 3. Distribution of Percentage Changes in Prices of Individual Items in the Cost-of-Living Index, November, 1941-December, 1942

	Total	Food	Rent	Fuel	Clothing	Home-furnishings and Services	Miscellaneous
Decreases							
0.1 - 1.9 p.c.	23	4	-	1	7	8	3
2.0 - 3.9 "	6	2	-	-	2	2	-
4.0 - 5.9 "	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
6.0 - 7.9 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.0 - 9.9 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.0 + "	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
No Change	43	9	-	2	6	11	15
Increases							
0.1 - 1.9 p.c.	33	5	2	1	8	3	14
2.0 - 3.9 "	10	4	-	-	2	1	3
4.0 - 5.9 "	5	3	-	-	-	-	2
6.0 - 7.9 "	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
8.0 - 9.9 "	4	3	-	-	1	-	-
10.0 + "	10	10	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	139	44	2	4	27	25	37

Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers*, Canada, 1913-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1913	79.1	89.1	77.1	74.3	87.4	69.6
1914 - January	79.9	93.3	75.9	72.1	87.4	69.6
February	80.1	93.7	75.9	72.1	87.4	69.6
March	79.6	92.3	75.9	72.1	87.4	69.6
April	78.9	90.0	75.9	72.1	87.4	69.6
May	78.5	89.0	74.9	72.1	87.4	69.6
June	78.3	88.1	74.8	72.1	87.4	69.6
July	78.6	88.9	74.9	72.1	88.3	69.6
August	79.6	92.0	75.0	72.1	88.3	69.6
September ...	80.2	93.6	74.6	72.1	89.2	69.6
October	80.9	95.9	74.8	72.1	89.2	69.6
November	80.8	95.4	74.8	72.1	90.1	69.6
December	80.8	95.2	74.8	72.1	90.1	69.6
Year	79.7	92.2	75.1	72.1	88.3	69.6
1915 - January	80.7	95.6	74.5	69.8	91.8	69.6
February	80.8	95.5	74.5	69.8	93.5	69.6
March	80.4	93.9	74.4	69.8	94.4	69.6
April	80.1	92.8	74.4	69.8	94.4	69.6
May	80.3	93.2	73.5	69.8	95.3	69.6
June	79.9	92.2	73.1	69.8	95.3	69.6
July	80.2	92.6	73.5	69.8	96.2	69.6
August	80.4	92.2	73.5	69.8	97.1	70.3
September ...	80.4	92.0	73.7	69.8	97.9	70.3
October	81.0	92.9	73.7	69.8	100.5	70.3
November	82.0	95.3	73.8	69.8	100.5	71.0
December	82.4	96.6	73.8	69.8	100.5	71.0
Year	80.7	93.7	73.8	69.8	96.4	70.0
1916 - January	83.4	98.3	73.8	70.6	101.4	71.7
February	84.0	99.6	74.1	70.6	102.3	71.7
March	84.2	98.9	73.9	70.6	104.1	72.4
April	84.4	98.9	73.9	70.6	105.8	72.4
May	84.9	99.1	74.1	70.6	107.5	73.1
June	85.6	100.7	74.5	70.6	109.3	73.1
July	85.8	99.4	74.7	70.6	110.2	74.5
August	87.1	102.1	75.1	70.6	111.9	75.2
September ...	88.8	106.1	76.1	70.6	113.7	75.9
October	90.2	109.7	76.7	70.6	115.4	75.9
November	92.4	115.3	77.9	70.6	117.2	76.6
December	93.8	118.9	79.7	70.6	118.9	76.6
Year	87.0	103.9	75.4	70.6	109.8	74.1

* Indexes prior to 1926 have been recalculated, resulting in minor revisions from figures previously published.

Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1942 - Cont'd
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1917 - January	95.7	120.6	82.2	75.8	120.7	76.6
February	96.6	123.2	82.3	75.8	121.5	76.6
March	98.2	125.8	83.3	75.8	123.2	78.0
April	98.9	126.5	81.5	75.8	125.0	79.4
May	102.9	138.6	82.2	75.8	126.8	79.4
June	103.8	139.2	83.3	75.8	128.5	80.7
July	103.4	136.3	83.9	75.8	130.3	81.5
August	103.8	136.6	84.7	75.8	131.1	82.1
September ...	104.4	137.1	84.9	75.8	132.9	82.8
October	105.6	139.2	85.4	75.8	134.7	83.5
November	107.3	143.3	85.6	75.8	136.4	84.2
December	108.1	145.1	86.2	75.8	138.1	84.2
Year	102.4	134.3	83.8	75.8	129.1	80.7
1918 - January	109.2	146.8	88.6	75.8	139.9	84.9
February	110.1	148.0	88.7	75.8	142.5	85.6
March	111.2	149.5	89.6	76.5	144.3	86.3
April	111.7	148.2	89.5	78.0	146.0	87.7
May	113.2	149.8	89.6	79.5	147.8	89.1
June	114.7	151.5	90.0	81.0	149.5	90.5
July	116.1	154.2	91.4	81.7	151.3	91.2
August	119.0	159.9	93.9	83.2	154.8	91.9
September ...	118.8	158.4	95.2	81.7	156.5	92.6
October	120.2	160.9	96.9	82.5	158.3	93.3
November	120.9	160.9	98.2	82.5	160.0	94.7
December	121.8	161.9	99.9	82.5	161.7	95.4
Year	115.6	154.2	92.6	80.0	151.0	90.3
1919 - January	123.0	164.2	101.2	82.5	163.5	96.1
February	122.1	160.0	99.7	82.5	165.3	96.8
March	121.2	155.5	98.7	83.2	167.0	97.5
April	122.7	159.0	98.5	83.2	168.7	98.2
May	124.4	161.5	98.1	86.2	170.5	98.9
June	125.8	163.2	98.7	88.4	172.3	99.5
July	126.6	163.6	98.6	89.1	174.9	100.3
August	129.8	171.5	101.8	89.9	176.6	100.9
September ...	129.9	169.7	102.2	90.6	178.4	101.6
October	130.2	168.9	101.7	90.6	180.1	103.0
November	130.7	168.6	104.0	90.6	181.9	103.7
December	132.3	172.3	104.4	90.6	183.6	104.4
Year	126.5	164.8	100.7	87.3	173.6	100.0

Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1942 - Cont'd
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1920 - January	136.8	180.6	106.7	90.6	192.4	106.5
February	139.3	184.1	108.1	92.1	201.1	106.5
March	142.5	190.3	109.4	92.9	209.9	106.5
April	144.3	188.8	111.8	96.6	218.6	107.9
May	148.2	196.8	112.2	101.8	221.2	107.9
June	150.0	201.7	117.1	101.8	221.2	107.9
July	150.6	199.8	120.2	102.5	219.5	111.4
August	149.1	194.9	122.9	102.5	218.6	111.4
September ...	147.7	189.5	128.6	104.0	215.1	111.4
October	147.4	188.5	133.2	104.7	211.6	111.4
November	145.3	182.0	137.4	105.5	208.1	111.4
December	143.0	176.3	135.1	105.5	204.6	111.4
Year	145.4	189.5	120.2	100.1	211.9	109.3
1921 - January	141.7	172.6	136.7	105.5	202.9	111.4
February	139.5	168.6	134.7	106.2	194.1	111.4
March	135.4	158.4	131.7	107.0	187.1	111.4
April	132.6	152.1	129.3	107.7	180.1	111.4
May	130.7	148.0	126.9	109.2	173.1	111.4
June	126.5	134.9	125.5	110.7	170.5	111.4
July	125.5	132.6	125.9	110.7	167.9	111.4
August	126.5	137.3	125.9	110.7	164.4	111.4
September ...	127.3	141.4	125.3	110.7	160.9	111.4
October	125.6	137.1	126.2	111.4	155.6	111.4
November	123.6	132.3	124.7	111.4	152.1	111.4
December	123.6	131.0	124.5	111.4	155.6	111.4
Year	129.9	145.5	123.1	109.4	172.0	111.4
1922 - January	123.5	131.4	123.9	111.4	153.9	111.4
February	121.7	126.5	122.9	112.2	151.3	111.4
March	121.2	125.7	121.8	112.9	148.6	111.4
April	119.9	121.8	120.9	113.7	146.9	111.4
May	119.4	121.0	120.2	113.7	145.1	111.4
June	119.2	120.5	119.9	114.4	144.3	111.4
July	119.4	121.3	119.5	114.4	143.4	111.4
August	120.2	123.9	120.0	114.4	143.4	111.4
September ...	119.9	121.6	125.1	115.1	143.4	111.4
October	119.8	121.1	127.6	115.1	142.5	111.4
November	119.9	121.6	126.5	115.1	142.5	111.4
December	120.1	122.7	124.2	115.1	142.5	111.4
Year	120.4	123.3	122.7	114.0	145.7	111.4

Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1942 - Cont'd
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1923 - January	120.7	124.3	123.6	115.1	143.4	111.4
February	120.8	124.1	124.4	115.9	143.4	111.4
March	122.1	127.8	124.4	116.6	143.4	111.4
April	121.0	124.2	124.4	116.6	143.4	111.4
May	120.1	121.6	120.7	117.4	143.4	111.4
June	119.8	121.0	119.4	117.4	143.4	111.4
July	119.4	120.6	119.6	117.4	144.3	110.0
August	120.7	124.6	120.1	117.4	144.3	110.0
September ...	120.4	123.5	122.3	117.4	144.3	110.0
October	121.2	125.6	123.3	117.4	144.3	110.0
November	121.4	126.2	124.1	117.4	144.3	110.0
December	121.5	126.7	124.0	117.4	144.3	110.0
Year	120.7	124.1	122.5	116.9	143.8	110.7
1924 - January	121.1	127.5	122.9	117.4	140.8	109.3
February	120.9	127.0	122.0	117.4	140.8	109.3
March	120.2	124.9	121.8	117.4	140.8	109.3
April	118.6	119.8	120.7	117.4	140.8	109.3
May	117.5	116.7	118.5	117.4	140.8	109.3
June	117.2	115.9	117.7	117.4	140.8	109.3
July	117.1	117.1	117.6	117.4	140.8	107.9
August	118.0	120.2	117.5	117.4	140.8	107.9
September ...	118.5	121.5	117.8	117.4	140.8	107.9
October	118.5	121.6	117.5	117.4	140.8	107.9
November	119.0	123.3	116.8	117.4	140.8	107.9
December	119.4	124.6	116.6	117.4	140.8	107.9
Year	118.8	121.6	118.9	117.4	140.8	108.6
1925 - January	119.9	127.0	117.1	117.4	140.8	107.2
February	120.5	128.8	117.0	117.4	140.8	107.2
March	119.6	126.2	116.8	117.4	140.8	107.2
April	119.0	124.4	116.1	117.4	140.8	107.2
May	118.7	123.4	115.1	117.4	140.8	107.2
June	118.5	122.8	115.1	117.4	140.8	107.2
July	118.1	123.3	115.3	117.4	139.9	105.8
August	119.4	127.5	115.7	117.4	139.9	105.8
September ...	119.2	127.0	116.0	117.4	139.9	105.8
October	120.0	128.2	116.4	117.4	139.9	105.8
November	121.7	132.1	119.2	117.4	139.9	105.8
December	123.1	135.9	121.2	117.4	139.9	105.8
Year	119.8	127.2	116.8	117.4	140.3	106.5

Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1942 - Cont'd
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1926 - January	123.0	136.8	119.7	115.9	139.9	106.1
February	122.8	135.9	118.6	115.9	139.9	106.1
March	122.8	136.0	119.2	115.9	139.9	106.1
April	122.3	134.3	117.8	115.9	139.9	106.1
May	122.0	134.0	115.9	115.9	139.9	106.1
June	121.7	132.8	115.7	115.9	139.9	106.1
July	121.9	133.5	115.3	115.9	139.9	106.1
August	121.7	133.9	115.3	115.9	138.4	106.1
September ...	120.8	130.3	115.9	115.9	138.4	106.1
October	120.7	130.1	115.9	115.9	138.4	106.1
November	121.1	131.2	116.4	115.9	138.4	106.1
December	121.6	132.9	116.4	115.9	138.4	106.1
Year	121.8	133.3	116.8	115.9	139.1	106.1
1927 - January	121.3	134.8	116.1	114.5	136.2	105.6
February	120.8	133.3	116.1	114.5	136.2	105.6
March	120.3	131.5	115.9	114.5	136.2	105.5
April	119.2	128.7	115.0	114.5	135.0	105.4
May	119.1	128.8	113.6	114.5	135.0	105.1
June	119.4	130.0	112.9	114.5	135.0	105.0
July	119.7	130.7	113.2	114.5	135.6	105.0
August	119.5	130.3	113.1	114.5	135.6	104.9
September ...	119.2	129.1	113.4	114.5	135.6	104.9
October	119.6	130.3	114.3	114.5	135.6	104.9
November	119.9	131.3	114.4	114.5	135.5	104.8
December	120.3	133.2	114.4	114.5	135.5	104.8
Year	119.9	130.8	114.4	114.5	135.6	105.1
1928 - January	121.1	133.9	113.8	117.3	135.2	104.8
February	120.6	132.1	113.9	117.3	135.2	104.8
March	120.1	130.3	113.9	117.3	135.2	104.7
April	120.0	130.0	113.7	117.3	135.2	104.7
May	119.5	128.5	113.0	117.3	135.3	104.7
June	119.2	127.9	112.1	117.3	135.3	104.7
July	119.5	128.8	112.1	117.3	135.3	104.6
August	120.5	131.9	112.5	117.3	135.7	104.6
September ...	120.6	132.3	112.6	117.3	135.7	104.8
October	121.4	134.8	113.4	117.3	135.7	104.8
November	121.2	134.3	113.4	117.3	135.7	104.8
December	121.2	134.0	113.6	117.3	135.7	104.8
Year	120.5	131.5	113.2	117.3	135.5	104.8

Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1942 - Cont'd
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1929 - January	121.0	133.7	113.0	117.3	135.7	104.6
February	120.6	132.5	113.1	117.3	135.7	104.6
March	120.8	133.3	113.3	117.3	135.3	104.5
April	120.1	130.8	113.4	117.3	135.3	104.6
May	120.6	130.5	112.5	120.0	134.8	104.8
June	120.6	130.4	111.8	120.0	134.8	105.1
July	120.8	131.3	111.7	120.0	134.8	105.2
August	123.0	138.9	111.9	120.0	134.5	105.4
September ...	122.8	138.1	112.0	120.0	134.5	105.5
October	123.1	137.6	112.3	122.2	134.5	105.5
November	123.5	139.1	113.0	122.2	134.2	105.5
December	123.8	139.7	113.2	122.2	134.2	105.5
Year	121.7	134.7	112.6	119.7	134.8	105.0
1930 - January	124.4	142.0	112.9	122.2	134.2	105.7
February	124.1	141.3	112.9	122.2	133.4	105.6
March	123.6	139.7	113.0	122.2	133.4	105.6
April	122.3	134.8	112.7	122.2	133.4	105.7
May	122.0	134.3	111.1	123.4	132.1	105.6
June	122.0	133.9	110.9	123.4	132.1	105.6
July	121.2	131.3	110.7	123.4	132.1	105.6
August	120.5	128.4	111.1	123.4	132.1	105.6
September ...	118.4	124.1	111.1	123.4	127.4	105.3
October	118.1	123.7	111.8	122.2	127.4	105.3
November	118.0	123.5	111.8	122.2	127.4	105.1
December	116.8	122.0	111.8	122.2	122.8	104.9
Year	120.8	131.5	111.8	122.7	130.6	105.4
1931 - January	115.6	118.8	111.1	122.2	122.8	103.9
February	114.4	114.1	111.2	122.2	122.8	103.9
March	112.3	110.4	111.2	122.2	117.8	103.3
April	111.4	107.3	111.1	122.2	117.8	103.3
May	109.9	103.6	109.3	119.7	117.8	103.3
June	108.0	100.0	109.0	119.7	112.8	103.2
July	107.9	99.6	108.8	119.7	112.8	103.2
August	108.3	100.7	110.0	119.7	112.8	103.2
September ...	106.8	98.0	109.2	119.7	109.3	103.2
October	105.1	95.2	109.7	115.1	109.3	103.2
November	105.2	95.3	109.9	115.1	109.3	103.2
December	104.6	94.9	109.7	115.1	106.3	103.1
Year	109.1	103.1	110.0	119.4	114.3	103.3

Table 4. Cost of Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1942 - Cont'd
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1932 - January	103.3	92.8	109.5	115.1	106.3	100.6
February	102.1	88.7	109.3	115.1	106.3	100.6
March	101.3	88.1	109.1	115.1	103.2	100.4
April	101.1	87.2	108.2	115.1	103.2	100.5
May	98.8	83.9	106.2	108.8	103.2	100.7
June	97.9	82.8	106.0	108.8	99.6	100.5
July	97.6	81.9	105.7	108.8	99.6	100.3
August	98.4	84.7	107.0	108.8	99.6	100.3
September ...	97.8	84.0	106.9	108.8	97.1	100.2
October	97.0	84.8	105.7	104.3	97.1	100.2
November	97.1	85.2	105.4	104.3	97.1	100.2
December	96.7	85.3	104.1	104.3	95.1	100.0
Year	99.0	85.7	106.8	109.7	100.6	100.4
1933 - January	95.9	83.7	104.2	104.3	95.1	98.6
February	94.9	80.8	104.1	104.3	95.1	98.4
March	94.3	80.5	103.6	104.3	92.1	98.1
April	94.6	81.7	103.6	104.3	92.1	98.1
May	93.3	82.5	103.3	97.3	92.1	98.1
June	93.3	82.9	102.5	97.3	91.5	98.0
July	93.5	84.3	100.5	97.3	91.5	98.0
August	95.2	90.4	100.9	97.3	91.5	98.0
September ...	95.1	87.9	100.8	97.3	94.4	98.4
October	94.2	87.2	101.8	93.2	94.4	98.4
November	94.3	87.7	101.9	93.2	94.4	98.4
December	94.8	88.8	102.0	93.2	95.3	98.5
Year	94.4	84.9	102.5	98.6	93.3	98.2
1934 - January	94.9	90.3	102.0	93.2	95.3	97.7
February	95.5	92.6	101.8	93.2	95.3	97.7
March	97.1	97.3	102.0	93.2	96.9	97.8
April	96.3	94.9	102.3	93.2	96.9	97.8
May	95.2	91.7	102.3	92.8	96.9	97.7
June	94.9	90.3	101.5	92.8	97.3	97.8
July	95.1	91.5	101.2	92.8	97.3	97.8
August	95.5	92.7	101.8	92.8	97.3	97.7
September ...	95.5	92.0	102.3	92.8	98.1	97.9
October	95.9	92.9	102.8	93.7	98.1	97.8
November	95.9	93.6	102.9	93.7	98.1	97.8
December	95.7	92.8	102.6	93.7	97.9	97.8
Year	95.6	92.7	102.1	93.1	97.1	97.8

Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1942 - Cont'd
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscella- neous Index
1935 - January	95.6	92.2	102.9	93.7	97.9	95.0	98.9
February	96.1	93.7	102.9	93.7	97.9	95.1	98.9
March	96.0	93.5	102.8	93.7	97.9	95.0	98.9
April	95.8	92.7	102.9	93.7	97.9	95.0	98.9
May	95.5	92.5	99.3	93.7	97.9	95.1	98.9
June	95.4	92.5	98.8	93.7	97.8	95.1	98.9
July	95.7	93.5	98.8	93.7	97.8	95.0	98.7
August	96.1	94.5	99.6	93.7	97.8	95.0	98.7
September ...	96.5	95.6	99.6	93.7	97.4	96.1	98.7
October	97.2	97.2	100.7	95.0	97.4	96.1	98.5
November	97.6	98.2	101.4	95.0	97.4	96.1	98.5
December	97.8	98.7	101.5	95.0	97.3	96.6	98.5
Year	96.2	94.6	100.9	94.0	97.6	95.4	98.7
1936 - January	97.8	98.5	102.0	95.0	97.3	96.5	98.8
February	97.6	97.6	102.2	95.0	97.3	96.4	99.1
March	97.7	97.1	102.6	95.0	98.5	97.1	99.1
April	96.9	94.6	102.3	95.0	98.5	97.1	99.2
May	97.2	94.7	102.3	96.3	98.5	97.0	99.2
June	97.2	94.8	100.7	96.3	99.5	97.2	99.2
July	98.1	97.7	100.7	96.3	99.5	97.2	99.1
August	98.5	99.0	100.6	96.3	99.5	97.1	99.1
September ...	98.7	99.6	101.0	96.3	99.5	97.3	99.1
October	98.9	99.5	101.2	97.2	99.5	97.3	99.0
November	99.1	100.1	101.4	97.2	99.5	97.3	99.0
December	99.2	100.0	101.4	97.2	100.0	98.5	99.1
Year	98.1	97.8	101.5	96.1	99.3	97.2	99.1
1937 - January	99.4	100.3	99.9	97.2	100.0	98.9	99.6
February	99.4	100.4	100.0	97.2	100.0	98.8	99.8
March	99.5	99.9	99.9	97.2	100.4	100.4	99.8
April	99.7	100.6	99.9	97.2	100.4	100.5	99.9
May	100.5	101.4	99.4	100.3	100.4	100.5	99.9
June	100.8	101.8	97.3	100.3	101.6	102.1	100.0
July	101.5	103.7	97.2	100.3	101.6	102.1	100.3
August	102.1	105.6	97.9	100.3	101.6	102.1	100.3
September ...	102.3	105.7	97.9	100.3	101.8	103.1	100.3
October	102.9	106.5	98.7	102.1	101.8	103.1	100.3
November	102.9	106.4	99.0	102.1	101.8	103.0	100.3
December	102.6	105.6	99.6	102.1	101.8	103.0	100.2
Year	101.2	103.2	98.9	99.7	101.4	101.5	100.1
1938 - January	102.4	104.4	98.1	102.1	101.8	103.1	101.2
February	102.3	103.9	98.1	102.1	101.8	103.1	101.2
March	102.8	105.7	98.4	102.1	101.3	102.9	101.2
April	102.8	105.9	98.4	102.1	101.3	102.8	101.2
May	102.4	103.6	97.9	103.8	101.3	102.8	101.2
June	102.4	104.1	96.8	103.8	101.3	102.3	101.2
July	102.6	104.7	96.7	103.8	101.3	102.3	101.2
August	103.1	106.2	96.9	103.8	101.3	102.3	101.3
September ...	102.1	103.1	97.1	103.8	100.8	101.9	101.3
October	101.7	102.0	97.6	103.4	100.8	101.9	101.2
November	101.5	101.5	98.0	103.4	100.8	101.9	101.2
December	101.1	100.5	98.0	103.4	100.2	101.7	101.2
Year	102.2	103.8	97.7	103.1	100.9	102.4	101.2

Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1942 - Concl'd
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscella- neous Index
1939 - January	101.1	99.9	101.0	103.4	100.2	101.7	101.1
February	100.7	98.7	101.0	103.4	100.2	101.7	101.1
March	100.6	98.5	100.4	103.4	99.9	101.2	101.1
April	100.6	98.3	100.4	103.4	99.9	101.1	101.4
May	100.6	98.2	100.2	103.8	99.9	101.1	101.4
June	100.5	98.1	99.8	103.8	100.1	101.0	101.3
July	100.8	99.0	99.3	103.8	100.1	100.9	101.3
August	100.8	99.3	99.0	103.8	100.1	100.9	101.3
September ...	100.8	99.4	98.9	103.8	99.6	100.8	101.3
October	103.5	106.3	104.4	104.4	99.6	101.0	101.7
November	103.8	107.1	105.3	104.4	99.6	101.0	101.9
December	103.8	104.7	105.4	104.4	103.3	104.1	102.0
Year	101.5	100.6	101.2	103.8	100.7	101.4	101.4
1940 - January	103.8	104.5	105.5	104.4	103.3	104.3	101.8
February	103.8	104.5	105.8	104.4	103.3	104.3	101.9
March	104.6	104.8	105.7	104.4	107.8	105.9	101.9
April	104.6	104.8	105.9	104.4	107.8	106.1	101.8
May	104.9	104.4	106.1	106.9	107.8	106.2	101.8
June	104.9	103.8	106.0	106.9	109.1	106.5	101.8
July	105.6	105.3	107.9	106.9	109.1	106.9	102.2
August	105.9	105.4	108.4	106.9	109.1	106.9	103.0
September ...	106.6	105.4	108.5	106.9	113.1	109.4	102.8
October	107.0	106.1	108.0	107.7	113.5	109.7	102.8
November	107.8	108.7	108.5	107.7	113.5	110.0	102.8
December	108.0	109.1	108.5	107.7	113.5	110.7	102.8
Year	105.6	105.6	107.1	106.3	109.2	107.2	102.3
1941 - January	108.3	109.7	108.6	107.7	113.7	110.8	103.1
February	108.2	108.8	108.7	107.7	114.1	111.5	103.1
March	108.2	109.0	108.9	107.7	114.2	111.6	102.9
April	108.6	110.1	108.9	107.7	114.3	111.7	102.9
May	109.4	109.7	109.2	109.7	114.5	111.8	105.1
June	110.5	112.5	110.2	109.7	114.9	112.1	105.6
July	111.9	116.6	110.5	109.7	115.1	113.0	105.6
August	113.7	121.3	110.5	109.7	115.7	114.3	106.1
September ...	114.7	123.3	110.9	109.7	117.4	115.8	106.4
October	115.5	123.2	112.1	111.2	119.6	117.3	106.5
November	116.3	125.4	112.7	111.2	120.0	117.9	106.7
December	115.8	123.8	112.7	111.2	119.9	117.9	106.7
Year	111.7	116.1	110.3	109.4	116.1	113.8	105.1
1942 - January	115.4	122.3	112.9	111.2	119.9	118.0	106.8
February	115.7	123.1	112.9	111.2	119.8	118.0	107.1
March	115.9	123.7	112.9	111.2	119.8	118.0	107.1
April	115.9	123.7	112.9	111.2	119.8	118.1	107.1
May	116.1	124.3	112.9	111.3	119.9	118.0	107.1
June	116.7	126.2	112.6	111.3	119.9	117.9	107.1
July	117.9	130.3	112.5	111.3	120.0	117.9	107.1
August	117.7	129.6	112.5	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1
September ...	117.4	128.5	112.5	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1
October	117.8	129.8	112.8	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1
November	118.6	132.4	112.8	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1
December	118.8	132.8	112.8	111.3	120.2	117.8	107.2
Year	117.0	127.2	112.8	111.3	120.0	117.9	107.1

Table 5. Dominion and City Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, August, 1939-December, 1942
(August 1939=100)

	Dominion	Hali-fax	*Saint John	*Mont-real	Tor-onto	Winni-peg	Saska-toon	Edmon-ton	Van-couver
1939 - August	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September ...	100.0	99.4	99.9	99.7	99.7	100.1	99.9	99.9	99.8
October	102.7	102.9	102.5	104.1	102.5	102.8	103.6	102.8	102.1
November	103.0	103.4	102.7	104.2	102.6	102.7	103.9	103.7	102.3
December	103.0	103.3	103.4	104.7	103.2	102.9	104.8	103.8	102.6
1940 - January	103.0	103.9	103.3	104.4	102.4	102.7	104.5	103.1	102.1
February	103.0	103.4	103.0	104.4	102.5	102.6	104.6	103.1	102.9
March	103.8	104.7	103.9	105.5	102.8	103.2	105.1	103.4	103.1
April	103.8	104.9	104.2	105.4	103.2	103.3	105.1	103.7	103.4
May	104.1	106.1	104.4	105.9	103.3	103.3	105.3	104.0	103.7
June	104.1	105.5	104.1	106.2	103.4	103.2	104.7	103.8	103.0
July	104.8	106.8	104.9	107.3	104.0	104.5	105.6	103.8	103.3
August	105.1	107.5	105.4	107.0	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.7
September ...	105.6	107.6	105.2	108.1	105.0	104.3	105.3	104.0	103.8
October	106.2	107.0	107.0	108.3	105.1	105.2	106.9	104.2	104.0
November	106.9	107.5	108.0	109.3	105.9	106.0	107.9	105.1	105.0
December	107.1	108.0	108.7	109.4	105.8	106.3	108.6	105.6	105.3
1941 - January	107.4	108.4	108.4	110.0	105.9	106.6	109.3	105.6	105.4
February	107.3	107.9	108.3	109.8	106.0	106.0	108.7	105.5	106.1
March	107.3	107.4	107.9	109.8	106.2	105.9	108.8	105.3	106.2
April	107.7	107.8	108.2	109.9	106.3	106.2	109.0	105.5	106.5
May	108.5	108.1	108.6	110.0	107.6	106.8	109.9	106.3	106.9
June	109.6	108.8	108.8	111.9	108.7	107.8	110.3	107.0	107.5
July	111.0	110.4	110.3	113.5	110.2	108.9	111.1	108.1	109.3
August	112.8	111.6	112.2	115.1	111.7	110.3	113.1	109.8	110.4
September ...	113.8	112.6	112.6	115.8	113.0	111.7	115.1	111.4	112.0
October	114.6	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
November	115.4	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	112.9
December	114.9	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942 - January	114.5	113.0	114.5	116.6	114.1	112.2	115.7	110.8	111.9
February	114.8	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
March	115.0	113.5	115.3	117.3	114.7	112.6	116.0	111.1	112.2
April	115.0	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
May	115.2	113.5	115.1	117.7	114.9	112.9	115.7	111.3	112.6
June	115.8	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
July	117.0	114.8	116.7	119.3	116.8	114.6	117.4	114.1	115.1
August	116.8	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
September ...	116.5	115.3	116.3	118.5	116.0	114.1	116.3	113.1	115.1
October	116.9	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
November	117.7	115.9	117.1	120.1	116.8	115.3	118.3	114.5	116.5
December	117.9	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	116.8

x Revised February, 1941 to September, 1941.

* Revised June, 1940 to September, 1941.

Table 6. Cost of Living in Two Wars, Canada

	August 1914=100		August 1939=100
1914 - September	100.8	1939 - September	100.0
October	101.6	October	102.7
November	101.5	November	103.0
December	101.5	December	103.0
1915 - January	101.4	1940 - January	103.0
February	101.5	February	103.0
March	101.0	March	103.8
April	100.6	April	103.8
May	100.9	May	104.1
June	100.4	June	104.1
July	100.8	July	104.8
August	101.0	August	105.1
September	101.0	September	105.6
October	101.8	October	106.2
November	103.0	November	106.9
December	103.5	December	107.1
1916 - January	104.8	1941 - January	107.4
February	105.5	February	107.3
March	105.8	March	107.3
April	106.0	April	107.7
May	106.7	May	108.5
June	107.5	June	109.6
July	107.8	July	111.0
August	109.4	August	112.8
September	111.6	September	113.8
October	113.3	October	114.6
November	116.1	November	115.4
December	117.8	December	114.9
1917 - January	120.2	1942 - January	114.5
February	121.4	February	114.8
March	123.4	March	115.0
April	124.2	April	115.0
May	129.3	May	115.2
June	130.4	June	115.8
July	129.9	July	117.0
August	130.4	August	116.8
September	131.2	September	116.5
October	132.7	October	116.9
November	134.8	November	117.7
December	135.8	December	117.9
1918 - January	137.2	1943 - January	116.2
February	138.3	February	116.0
March	139.7		
April	140.3		
May	142.2		
June	144.1		
July	145.9		
August	149.5		
September	149.2		
October	151.0		
November	151.9		
December	153.0		

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