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Street Car Fares and Index Numbers 1913-1926

A computation has been made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics showing the trend of street car fares since 1913. Average fares were calculated from returns made by municipal electric railways showing the total number of passengers carried and the total revenue received for fares. These returns in a few cases include some radial business which raises the average fare slightly but not sufficiently to prevent the figures from being representative of municipal conditions. The figures are based on returns from thirty-eight municipal railways. In 1926 the average fare paid by people who used street cars in cities was 6 cents as compared with 4.2 cents in 1913. The average city fare in Nova Scotia was 7.4 cents in 1926, 5.8 cents in New Brunswick, 6.2 cents in Quebec, 5.8 cents in Ontario, 5.9 cents in Manitoba, 6.2 cents in Saskatchewan, 5.8 cents in Alberta and 6.3 cents in British Columbia.

For Canada as a whole the index number, taking 1913 as equal to 100, was 142.9 in 1926. Provincial index numbers were as follows: Nova Scotia, 168.2; New Brunswick, 125.5; Quebec, 140.9; Ontario, 145.0; Manitoba, 143.9; Saskatchewan, 144.2; Alberta, 141.5; and British Columbia, 123.5. In most provinces fares have been comparatively stable since 1922.

Average Fares Paid on City Street Cars in Canada, 1913-1926

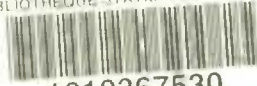
Province	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
CANADA	.042	.044	.043	.042	.042	.042	.047	.05	.051	.059	.059	.06	.06	.06
Nova Scotia	.044	.044	.044	.043	.043	.043	.043	.053	.061	.06	.06	.069	.074	.074
New Brunswick	.047	.046	.046	.046	.046	.048	.059	.061	.07	.059	.055	.053	.059	.059
Quebec	.044	.044	.044	.044	.044	.044	.05	.059	.061	.061	.061	.061	.061	.062
Ontario	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.041	.039	.039	.057	.058	.058	.058	.058
Manitoba	.041	.042	.04	.04	.039	.039	.05	.056	.06	.059	.059	.059	.059	.059
Saskatchewan	.043	.043	.045	.046	.045	.046	.049	.056	.061	.062	.061	.062	.062	.062
Alberta	.041	.041	.045	.044	.044	.044	.053	.055	.058	.058	.057	.057	.057	.058
British Columbia	.051	.067	.055	.049	.052	.051	.064	.064	.065	.064	.064	.064	.063	.063

Index Numbers of Average Fares Paid on City Street Cars in Canada, 1913 - 1926.

CANADA	100.0	104.8	102.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	111.9	119.0	121.4	140.5	140.5	142.9	142.9	142.9
Nova Scotia	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.7	97.7	97.7	97.7	120.5	138.6	136.4	136.4	156.8	168.2	168.2
New Brunswick	100.0	97.9	97.9	97.9	97.9	107.1	125.5	129.8	148.9	125.5	117.0	112.8	125.5	125.5
Quebec	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	113.6	134.1	138.6	138.6	138.6	138.6	138.6	140.9
Ontario	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	102.5	97.5	97.5	142.5	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0
Manitoba	100.0	102.4	97.6	97.6	95.1	95.1	121.9	136.6	146.3	143.9	143.9	143.9	143.9	143.9
Saskatchewan	100.0	100.0	104.7	107.0	104.7	107.0	114.0	130.2	141.9	144.2	141.9	144.2	144.2	144.2
Alberta	100.0	100.0	109.8	107.3	107.3	107.3	129.3	134.1	141.5	141.5	139.0	139.0	139.0	141.5
British Columbia	100.0	131.4	107.8	96.1	102.0	100.0	125.5	125.5	127.5	125.5	125.5	125.5	123.5	123.5

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