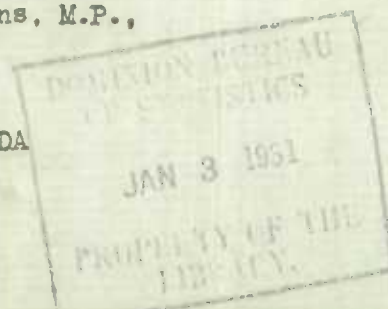


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STREET CAR FARES AND INDEX NUMBERS, 1913-1929.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics general index number of city street car fares was 103.3 for 1929, taking average fares in 1926 as equal to 100.0. This calculation was made from returns furnished by thirty-five municipal electric railways showing the total number of passengers carried and the total passenger revenue received. The trend of car fares has been gradually upward since 1918, when the Dominion index was 70.0. By 1924 it had advanced to 100.0, and remained at that figure until 1928, in which year the index stood at 101.7. During the period 1918-1929, Canadian index numbers of wholesale prices rose from 127.4 to 155.9 in 1920, and then fell back to 95.6 in 1929, while the Bureau's cost of living index moved from 97.4 in 1918 to 124.2 in 1920, and back to 100.0 in 1929. These figures indicate that street car fares have no very close relationship with the movements of general commodity prices. There is, on the other hand, a fairly close parallel between the rate of growth in urban population and the advance in car fare rates during the post-war period. Operating costs have undoubtedly been increased by the necessity of providing transportation in thinly populated and rapidly extending urban outskirts. Improved equipment, augmented service, and higher wages have been other contributing factors.

Average provincial fares in 1929 ranged from 6.5¢ in Nova Scotia and Ontario down to 5.7¢ in Alberta. Fares in other provinces were: New Brunswick 5.9¢, Quebec 6.0¢, Manitoba 5.9¢, Saskatchewan 6.2¢, and British Columbia 6.4¢. Fractional advances in Ontario and British Columbia were responsible for the advance in the Dominion index number given above. Average fares were slightly lower in Nova Scotia and Alberta.

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Average Fares Paid on City Street Cars in Canada, 1913 - 1929.

Province	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
CANADA	.042	.044	.043	.042	.042	.042	.047	.05	.051	.059	.059	.06	.06	.06	.06	.061	.062
Nova Scotia	.044	.044	.044	.043	.043	.043	.043	.053	.061	.06	.06	.069	.074	.074	.075	.072	.065
New Brunswick	.047	.046	.046	.046	.046	.048	.059	.061	.07	.059	.055	.053	.059	.059	.059	.059	.059
Quebec	.044	.044	.044	.044	.044	.044	.05	.059	.061	.061	.061	.061	.061	.062	.061	.060	.060
Ontario	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.041	.039	.039	.057	.058	.058	.058	.058	.06	.061	.065
Manitoba.	.041	.042	.04	.04	.039	.039	.05	.056	.06	.059	.059	.059	.059	.059	.059	.059	.059
Saskatchewan	.043	.043	.045	.046	.045	.046	.049	.056	.061	.062	.061	.062	.062	.062	.062	.062	.062
Alberta	.041	.041	.045	.044	.044	.044	.053	.055	.058	.058	.057	.057	.057	.058	.058	.058	.057
British Columbia	.051	.067	.055	.049	.052	.051	.064	.064	.065	.064	.064	.064	.063	.063	.063	.063	.064

x Based on passenger revenue, and passengers carried.

Index Numbers of Average Fares Paid on City Street Cars in Canada, 1913 - 1929.

CANADA	70.0	73.3	71.7	70.0	70.0	70.0	78.3	83.3	85.0	98.3	98.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.7	103.3
Nova Scotia	59.5	59.5	59.5	58.1	58.1	58.1	58.1	71.6	82.4	81.1	81.1	93.2	100.0	100.0	101.3	97.2	87.8
New Brunswick	79.7	78.0	78.0	78.0	78.0	81.4	100.0	103.4	118.6	100.0	93.2	89.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Quebec	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0	80.6	95.2	98.4	98.4	98.4	98.4	98.4	100.0	98.4	96.8	96.8
Ontario	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	70.7	67.2	67.2	98.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	103.4	105.1	111.9
Manitoba	69.5	71.2	67.8	67.8	66.1	66.1	84.7	94.9	101.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Saskatchewan	69.3	69.3	72.6	74.2	72.6	74.2	79.1	90.3	98.4	100.0	98.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Alberta	70.7	70.7	77.6	75.8	75.8	75.8	91.4	94.8	100.9	100.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.3
British Columbia	81.0	106.4	87.3	77.8	82.6	81.0	101.6	101.6	103.2	101.6	101.6	101.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.6

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