

INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES.

The Economist's index number of prices is given below :—

December, 1899=2,145	December, 1900=2,125	December, 1901=1,948
March, 1900=2,240	March, 1901=2,018	January, 1902=1,977
June, 1900=2,211	June, 1901=2,007	February, 1902=1,979
September, 1900=2,235	September, 1901=1,980	

The index numbers of the prices of 45 commodities calculated by Mr. Sauerbeck are, as usual, given below, and show the course of average prices for a series of years :—

1867-1877.....	100	1884.....	76	1890.....	72	1896.....	61
1878.....	111	1885.....	72	1891.....	72	1897.....	62
1879.....	83	1886.....	69	1892.....	68	1898.....	64
1880.....	88	1887.....	68	1893.....	68	1899.....	68
1881.....	85	1888.....	70	1894.....	63	1900.....	75
1882.....	84	1889.....	72	1895.....	62	1901.....	70
1883.....	82						

Bradstreet's, a well-known New York Agency, compiles an index number by taking the average value per pound of ninety-six staple articles.

BRADSTREET'S INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES.

	Index Number.	Annual Average Index Number.		Index Number.	Annual Average Index Number.
1st October, 1890.....	105,996		1st March, 1899..	79,839	
" January to October, 1891—average		92,899	" April, 1899..	79,086	
" January to October, 1892—average		84,494	" May, 1899..	78,996	
" January to October, 1893—average		82,299	" June, 1899..	79,873	
" January to October, 1894—average		73,447	" July, 1899..	80,818	82,326
" January to October, 1895—average		71,672	" August, 1899..	82,338	
" January to October, 1896—average		67,183	" September, 1899..	84,784	
" January, 1897... 69,364			" October, 1899..	86,796	
" April, 1897... 68,760			" November, 1899..	87,673	
" May, 1897... 68,063			" December, 1899..	90,783	
" June, 1897... 66,648			" January, 1900..	90,971	
" July, 1897... 66,937			" February, 1900..	93,107	
" August, 1897... 69,217			" March, 1900..	92,723	
" September, 1897... 71,937			" April, 1900..	91,175	
" October, 1897... 73,277			" May, 1900..	89,944	
" November, 1897... 73,265			" June, 1900..	86,988	88,736
" December, 1897... 73,527			" July, 1900..	86,815	
" January, 1898... 74,184			" August, 1900..	86,713	
" February, 1898... 74,196			" September, 1900..	86,581	
" March, 1898... 75,243			" October, 1900..	87,757	
" April, 1898... 73,586			" November, 1900..	85,874	
" May, 1898... 74,666			" December, 1900..	86,280	
" June, 1898... 74,885			" January, 1901..	84,873	
" July, 1898... 75,570			" February, 1901..	84,278	
" August, 1898... 76,556			" March, 1901..	84,035	
" September, 1898... 76,843			" April, 1901..	83,663	
" October, 1898... 76,562			" May, 1901..	83,508	
" November, 1898... 76,940			" June, 1901..	83,081	84,446
" December, 1898... 77,094			" July, 1901..	83,951	
" January, 1899... 77,819			" August, 1901..	84,357	
" February, 1899... 79,103			" September, 1901..	85,051	
			" October, 1901..	85,676	
			" November, 1901..	85,106	
			" December, 1901..	85,775	
			" January, 1902..	85,104	
			" February, 1902..	84,584	
			" March, 1902..	84,832	