

INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES.

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

December 1899=2,145	June, 1901=2,007	March, 1902=1,983
March, 1900=2,240	September, 1901=1,980	June, 1902=1,995
June, 1900=2,211	December, 1901=1,948	September, 1902=2,002
September, 1900=2,235	January, 1902=1,977	December, 1902=2,003
December, 1900=2,125	February, 1902=1,979	January, 1903=2,066
March, 1901=2,018		

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	1891..... 72	1898..... 64
1878..... 111	1885..... 72	1892..... 68	1899..... 68
1879..... 83	1886..... 69	1893..... 68	1900..... 75
1880..... 88	1887..... 68	1894..... 63	1901..... 70
1881..... 85	1888..... 70	1895..... 62	1902..... 69
1882..... 84	1889..... 72	1896..... 61	
1883..... 82	1890..... 72	1897..... 62	

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

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—	Index Number.	Annual Average Index Number.	—	Index Number.	Annual Average Index Number.
1st October, 1890.....	105,996		1st June, 1900..	86,988	88,736
" January to October, 1891—average....	92,899		" July, 1900..	86,315	
" January to October, 1892—average....	84,494		" August, 1900..	86,713	
" January to October, 1893—average....	82,299		" September, 1900..	86,581	
" January to October, 1894—average....	73,447		" October, 1900..	87,757	
" January to October, 1895—average....	71,672		" November, 1900..	85,874	
" January to October, 1896—average....	67,183		" December, 1900..	86,280	
" January to October, 1897—average....	70,099		" January, 1901..	84,873	
" January to December, 1897—average....	75,527		" February, 1901..	84,278	
" January to December, 1898—average....			" March, 1901..	84,035	
" January, 1899.....	77,819	82,326	" April, 1901..	83,663	84,446
" February, 1899.....	79,103		" May, 1901..	83,508	
" March, 1899.....	79,839		" June, 1901..	83,081	
" April, 1899.....	79,086		" July, 1901..	83,951	
" May, 1899.....	78,996		" August, 1901..	84,357	
" June, 1899.....	79,873		" September, 1901..	85,051	
" July, 1899.....	80,818		" October, 1901..	85,676	
" August, 1899.....	82,338		" November, 1901..	85,106	
" September, 1899.....	84,784		" December, 1901..	85,775	
" October, 1899.....	86,796		" January, 1902..	85,104	
" November, 1899.....	87,673	" February, 1902..	84,584		
" December, 1899.....	90,783	" March, 1902..	84,832		
" January, 1900.....	90,971	" April, 1902..	85,138		
" February, 1900.....	93,107	" May, 1902..	86,228		
" March, 1900.....	92,723	" June, 1902..	85,895		
" April, 1900.....	91,175	" July, 1902..	85,380		
" May, 1900.....	89,944	" August, 1902..	85,654		
		" September, 1902..	86,871		
		" October, 1902..	87,424		
		" November, 1902..	88,694		
		" December, 1902..	89,413		
		" January, 1903..	89,789		
		" February, 1903..	89,435		