

6.—Weekly Cost of a Family Budget of Staple Foods, Fuel and Lighting, and Rent, in terms of the average prices in 60 Canadian Cities, 1900, 1905, 1915—1919.

| Commodities. | Quantity. | 1900. ¹ | 1905. ¹ | 1910. | 1915. | 1916. | 1917. | 1918. | 1919 (2) | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. |
| | | | | | | | | | c. | c. | c. | c. | c. | c. | c. | c. | c. | c. |
| Beef, sirloin steak..... | 2 lb. | 27.2 | 30.4 | 37.6 | 47.6 | 50.3 | 60.2 | 72.8 | 73.6 | 72.4 | 71.4 | 75.4 | 79.4 | 79.8 | 79.8 | 78.4 | 75.4 | 72.2 |
| Beef, chuck, roast..... | 2 lb. | 19.6 | 24.6 | 26.0 | 32.8 | 34.0 | 41.3 | 52.0 | 51.6 | 50.8 | 50.4 | 52.4 | 55.6 | 55.8 | 55.2 | 53.2 | 50.6 | 49.4 |
| Veal, roast..... | 1 lb. | 10.0 | 11.3 | 12.8 | 17.5 | 18.7 | 22.7 | 27.2 | 27.7 | 27.2 | 27.4 | 27.4 | 27.6 | 27.6 | 28.3 | 26.6 | 26.2 | 26.4 |
| Mutton, roast..... | 1 lb. | 11.8 | 12.2 | 16.8 | 20.9 | 23.3 | 28.1 | 34.7 | 34.9 | 34.5 | 30.9 | 35.5 | 36.7 | 36.8 | 36.3 | 37.0 | 35.5 | 34.3 |
| Pork, roast, fresh..... | 1 lb. | 12.2 | 13.1 | 18.0 | 19.2 | 22.0 | 29.6 | 36.4 | 36.9 | 35.7 | 35.4 | 36.1 | 38.6 | 39.8 | 42.1 | 42.2 | 41.5 | 39.7 |
| Pork, salt, mess..... | 2 lb. | 21.8 | 25.0 | 34.4 | 35.4 | 38.7 | 53.5 | 68.0 | 70.8 | 69.4 | 68.0 | 69.4 | 71.0 | 72.0 | 75.2 | 76.2 | 74.2 | 72.6 |
| Bacon, breakfast..... | 1 lb. | 15.4 | 17.3 | 24.5 | 25.6 | 28.8 | 38.5 | 49.4 | 51.0 | 51.6 | 49.3 | 50.6 | 52.6 | 54.3 | 56.3 | 58.1 | 57.3 | 55.9 |
| Lard, pure leaf..... | 2 lb. | 26.2 | 28.2 | 40.6 | 35.6 | 40.4 | 59.4 | 71.7 | 73.8 | 71.4 | 69.2 | 72.6 | 75.2 | 80.4 | 83.8 | 85.8 | 85.0 | 82.4 |
| Eggs, fresh..... | 1 doz. | 25.7 | 30.0 | 33.3 | 32.7 | 38.0 | 48.9 | 56.5 | 73.6 | 64.7 | 54.6 | 49.8 | 51.4 | 53.7 | 57.2 | 57.6 | 61.4 | 69.1 |
| Eggs, storage..... | 1 doz. | 20.2 | 23.4 | 28.4 | 28.6 | 32.7 | 42.4 | 48.9 | 62.5 | 56.6 | 49.2 | 43.9 | 42.7 | 45.4 | 48.1 | 53.5 | 57.0 | 60.4 |
| Milk..... | 6 qt. | 36.6 | 39.6 | 48.0 | 52.8 | 52.6 | 62.2 | 73.9 | 82.8 | 82.2 | 82.2 | 82.2 | 81.0 | 79.2 | 78.6 | 79.8 | 81.6 | 85.8 |
| Butter, dairy..... | 2 lb. | 44.2 | 49.4 | 52.0 | 61.9 | 68.7 | 86.4 | 97.0 | 106.0 | 104.2 | 103.4 | 121.6 | 113.0 | 108.6 | 106.2 | 108.4 | 112.8 | 114.6 |
| Butter, creamery..... | 1 lb. | 25.5 | 27.7 | 31.9 | 35.4 | 38.5 | 48.0 | 53.8 | 59.1 | 58.6 | 58.0 | 65.7 | 63.6 | 61.1 | 60.4 | 62.1 | 63.0 | 64.1 |
| Cheese, old..... | 1 lb. | 16.1 | 17.6 | 18.5 | 23.7 | 26.0 | 33.0 | 33.3 | 35.7 | 35.7 | 35.8 | 35.9 | 36.9 | 39.3 | 40.3 | 39.7 | 39.9 | 39.6 |
| Cheese, new..... | 1 lb. | 14.6 | 15.7 | 17.5 | 21.6 | 24.2 | 30.4 | 31.0 | 33.9 | 33.8 | 34.4 | 34.5 | 34.9 | 37.3 | 38.8 | 37.3 | 37.1 | 36.9 |
| Bread, plain white..... | 15 lb. | 55.5 | 58.5 | 66.0 | 70.3 | 74.8 | 104.4 | 116.5 | 120.0 | 118.5 | 118.5 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 118.5 | 120.0 | 118.5 | 118.5 | 118.5 |
| Flour, family..... | 10 lb. | 25.0 | 28.0 | 33.0 | 39.6 | 41.7 | 64.2 | 67.5 | 69.0 | 68.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 |
| Rolled oats..... | 5 lb. | 18.0 | 19.5 | 21.0 | 25.5 | 24.6 | 30.5 | 39.4 | 40.0 | 38.5 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 38.5 | 40.0 | 39.0 |
| Rice, good, medium..... | 2 lb. | 10.4 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 11.1 | 13.1 | 16.2 | 22.7 | 25.2 | 24.0 | 24.2 | 24.2 | 24.2 | 24.4 | 24.6 | 27.4 | 28.2 | 28.2 |
| Beans, hand picked..... | 2 lb. | 8.6 | 9.4 | 10.8 | 14.9 | 19.5 | 29.8 | 33.6 | 30.2 | 27.8 | 26.0 | 24.0 | 23.8 | 23.4 | 22.4 | 22.6 | 22.4 | 22.8 |
| Apples, evaporated..... | 1 lb. | 9.9 | 7.7 | 11.5 | 11.9 | 13.4 | 15.6 | 22.3 | 22.7 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 23.4 | 24.6 | 24.5 | 26.2 | 25.6 |
| Prunes, medium..... | 1 lb. | 11.5 | 9.6 | 9.9 | 12.5 | 13.1 | 15.4 | 18.0 | 19.6 | 19.6 | 20.0 | 20.2 | 20.3 | 21.2 | 22.0 | 23.1 | 23.7 | 23.4 |
| Sugar, granulated..... | 4 lb. | 21.6 | 22.0 | 24.0 | 31.9 | 35.8 | 39.9 | 45.0 | 49.2 | 48.0 | 47.6 | 47.6 | 47.6 | 47.6 | 47.6 | 48.4 | 50.8 | 50.8 |
| Sugar, yellow..... | 2 lb. | 10.0 | 9.8 | 10.8 | 14.4 | 16.6 | 18.5 | 20.9 | 22.4 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.6 | 23.6 | 23.6 |
| Tea, black..... | ½ lb. | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 11.5 | 14.3 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.4 | 15.6 | 16.7 | 15.6 |
| Tea, green..... | ½ lb. | 8.7 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 11.3 | 13.7 | 15.3 | 15.4 | 15.3 | 15.5 | 15.9 | 15.4 | 15.6 | 14.1 | 16.0 | 16.1 |
| Coffee..... | ½ lb. | 8.6 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 10.9 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.5 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 13.6 | 14.0 | 14.0 |
| Potatoes..... | 2 pk. | 24.1 | 28.0 | 30.3 | 33.8 | 58.7 | 89.2 | 69.1 | 62.3 | 59.3 | 56.3 | 56.0 | 65.7 | 70.7 | 62.7 | 110.3 | 87.0 | 71.7 |
| Vinegar, white wine..... | ¼ pt. | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| All Foods..... | — | \$ 5.480 | \$ 5.956 | \$ 6.954 | \$ 7.866 | \$ 8.793 | \$ 11.420 | \$ 13.014 | \$ 13.784 | \$ 13.409 | \$ 13.051 | \$ 13.351 | \$ 13.529 | \$ 13.716 | \$ 13.774 | \$ 14.431 | \$ 14.326 | \$ 14.207 |
| Starch, laundry..... | ½ lb. | c. 2.9 | c. 3.0 | c. 3.1 | c. 3.2 | c. 3.3 | c. 4.0 | c. 4.7 | c. 4.8 | c. 4.7 | c. 4.7 | c. 4.7 | c. 4.7 | c. 4.7 | c. 4.6 | c. 5.0 | c. 4.8 | c. 4.8 |
| Coal, anthracite..... | 1/16 ton. | 39.5 | 45.2 | 48.1 | 52.7 | 46.0 | 67.0 | 74.9 | 82.5 | 82.0 | 80.6 | 80.3 | 78.8 | 73.5 | 71.9 | 81.3 | 82.4 | 84.3 |
| Coal, bituminous..... | 1/16 ton. | 31.1 | 32.3 | 35.0 | 36.8 | 39.4 | 52.7 | 50.6 | 63.4 | 62.8 | 61.4 | 61.5 | 61.6 | 61.3 | 61.8 | 61.9 | 63.7 | 62.5 |
| Wood, hard, best..... | 1/16 cord | 32.5 | 35.3 | 38.8 | 36.8 | 42.9 | 52.9 | 70.6 | 76.8 | 75.1 | 73.6 | 77.2 | 76.9 | 76.4 | 74.7 | 76.2 | 77.8 | 81.1 |
| Wood, soft..... | 1/16 cord | 22.6 | 25.5 | 29.4 | 30.8 | 30.8 | 38.9 | 52.2 | 56.5 | 55.4 | 55.6 | 55.9 | 56.2 | 56.4 | 57.8 | 57.8 | 56.4 | 56.5 |
| Coal oil..... | 1 gal. | 24.0 | 24.5 | 24.4 | 23.3 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 27.3 | 28.2 | 27.7 | 28.1 | 28.1 | 28.1 | 28.1 | 28.7 | 29.2 | 29.3 | 29.3 |
| Fuel and Lighting..... | — | \$1.947 | \$1.628 | \$1.757 | \$1.824 | \$1.923 | \$2.365 | \$2.846 | \$3.074 | \$3.030 | \$2.993 | \$3.030 | \$3.017 | \$2.963 | \$2.951 | \$3.064 | \$3.096 | \$3.137 |
| Rent..... | ½ month | \$2.367 | \$2.885 | \$4.050 | \$4.122 | \$4.035 | \$4.320 | \$4.720 | \$4.830 | \$4.850 | \$4.900 | \$4.910 | \$5.080 | \$5.220 | \$5.245 | \$5.313 | \$5.410 | \$5.540 |
| Grand Total..... | — | \$ 9.373 | \$ 10.499 | \$ 12.792 | \$ 13.844 | \$ 14.784 | \$ 16.464 | \$ 20.627 | \$ 21.736 | \$ 21.336 | \$ 20.991 | \$ 21.338 | \$ 21.673 | \$ 21.946 | \$ 22.016 | \$ 22.858 | \$ 22.880 | \$ 22.932 |

¹ Month of December.

² Newcastle omitted.