

7.—Weekly Cost of a Family Budget of Staple Foods, Fuel and Lighting, and Rent in terms of the average prices in each province of Canada, 1910-14 and December, 1914-18.

## STAPLE FOODS.

Province.	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	Dec. 1914	Dec. 1915	Dec. 1916	Dec. 1917	Dec. 1918
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island..	5.82	5.80	6.11	6.34	6.69	6.89	6.95	8.29	12.36	13.92
Nova Scotia.....	6.82	6.78	7.17	7.29	7.48	7.80	8.24	9.98	10.81	12.00
New Brunswick.....	6.55	6.84	7.13	7.04	7.44	7.76	8.11	9.87	12.24	13.58
Quebec.....	6.33	6.46	6.97	6.87	7.16	7.31	7.76	9.74	11.83	13.07
Ontario.....	6.50	6.66	7.25	7.20	7.48	7.74	8.11	10.27	12.39	13.62
Manitoba.....	7.46	7.41	7.88	7.87	8.15	8.27	8.43	9.98	11.67	13.29
Saskatchewan.....	7.86	8.08	8.16	8.25	8.33	8.81	8.32	10.34	12.05	13.86
Alberta.....	7.99	8.08	8.15	8.33	8.27	8.47	8.36	10.35	12.25	13.80
British Columbia.....	8.32	8.79	9.03	9.13	7.61	9.80	8.65	10.66	12.67	14.54

FUEL AND LIGHTING.<sup>1</sup>

Prince Edward Island..	1.28	1.28	1.49	1.47	1.50	1.49	1.55	1.91	2.23	2.60
Nova Scotia.....	1.43	1.37	1.45	1.53	1.57	1.55	1.55	1.96	2.93	3.00
New Brunswick.....	1.63	1.60	1.60	1.68	1.76	1.78	1.79	2.06	2.50	3.17
Quebec.....	1.65	1.69	1.70	1.79	1.80	1.79	1.75	2.06	2.84	3.22
Ontario.....	1.68	1.72	1.74	1.81	1.80	1.78	1.78	2.09	2.60	3.26
Manitoba.....	2.33	2.33	2.37	2.34	2.36	2.33	2.23	2.52	2.84	3.34
Saskatchewan.....	2.67	2.73	2.58	2.65	2.60	2.56	2.39	2.59	2.81	3.36
Alberta.....	1.56	1.78	1.86	1.65	1.71	1.73	1.71	1.71	1.81	1.98
British Columbia.....	2.19	2.18	2.22	2.25	2.57	2.37	2.18	2.18	2.17	2.72

## RENT.

Prince Edward Island..	2.00	2.00	1.92	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	2.25	3.94	4.50
Nova Scotia.....	4.02	3.40	3.70	3.92	4.26	4.15	4.15	4.15	2.25	3.00
New Brunswick.....	2.85	2.87	2.90	3.08	3.37	3.45	3.45	3.50	3.88	4.29
Quebec.....	2.85	2.98	3.38	3.52	3.62	3.50	3.55	3.78	3.83	3.63
Ontario.....	3.48	3.62	3.92	4.10	4.22	4.04	3.78	3.96	4.59	4.87
Manitoba.....	6.20	6.12	6.90	7.38	6.68	5.81	4.87	4.75	5.50	5.50
Saskatchewan.....	8.18	8.75	9.15	9.58	7.68	6.09	5.15	5.31	5.42	6.56
Alberta.....	5.68	6.42	6.60	7.58	7.43	6.13	5.22	5.13	5.69	5.78
British Columbia.....	5.35	5.92	6.12	7.12	5.31	4.73	4.02	3.93	4.43	5.16

<sup>1</sup>Coal, wood, and coal oil. No allowance is made for the varying extent to which these are used in the different localities and provinces.

**Employment Service of Canada.**—While provincial public employment offices have existed in Quebec from 1910, and in Ontario (in consequence of a recommendation of the Ontario Commission on Unemployment) from 1916, as well as in Saskatchewan, the extension and standardization of such offices was provided for by the Employment Offices Co-ordination Act, 1918 (8-9 Geo. V., Chap. 21), which empowered the Minister of Labour to aid and encourage the organization and co-ordination of public employment offices throughout Canada, in order to establish a Dominion-wide employment service; so that in all parts of the country employers might be informed of applications for work and employees of vacancies for labourers. Under this Act, sums aggregating \$50,000 in 1918-19, \$100,000 in 1919-20, and \$150,000 in subsequent years (amounts afterwards increased), were appropriated to be paid to Provincial Governments in proportion to their expenditures on employment offices, to assist them in organizing and extending their services. Agreements with the provinces were entered into whereby their