

7.—Index Numbers of Retail Prices, Rents and Costs of Services, 1914-1926—concluded.
(1913=100).

Years and Months.	Food Index.	Fuel Index.	Rent Index.	Clothing Index.	Sundries Index.	Total Index.
1924.						
January.....	143	160	158	161	157	153
February.....	143	158	158	161	157	153
March.....	140	158	158	161	157	152
April.....	134	157	158	161	157	150
May.....	131	154	158	161	157	149
June.....	130	153	158	161	157	148
July.....	131	153	158	161	157	148
August.....	135	153	158	161	155	150
September.....	136	153	158	161	155	150
October.....	137	153	158	161	155	150
November.....	138	152	158	161	155	151
December.....	140	151	158	161	155	151
1925.						
January.....	143	152	158	161	154	152
February.....	145	152	158	161	154	153
March.....	142	152	158	161	154	152
April.....	140	151	158	161	154	151
May.....	139	149	158	161	154	150
June.....	138	149	158	161	154	150
July.....	138	150	158	160	152	150
August.....	143	150	158	160	152	151
September.....	143	151	158	160	152	151
October.....	144	151	158	160	152	152
November.....	148	155	158	160	152	154
December.....	153	157	158	160	152	155
1926.						
January.....	154	155	156	160	152	155
February.....	153	157	156	160	152	155
March.....	153	155	156	160	152	155
April.....	151	155	156	158	152	154
May.....	151	152	156	158	152	154
June.....	150	150	156	158	151	153
July.....	151	150	156	158	151	153
August.....	151	150	156	158	151	153
September.....	147	151	156	158	151	152
October.....	147	151	156	158	151	152
November.....	148	151	156	157	151	152
December.....	150	151	156	157	151	153

A family budget constructed by the Department of Labour appears regularly in the Labour Gazette. The budget material has been used by the Bureau to obtain the tables which follow, the index numbers having been computed by the Bureau.

Table 8 shows the prices of items included in the family budget and the index numbers of groups from 1917 to 1925. The index numbers are weighted with the quantities used by the Department of Labour in computing their monthly family budget. Table 9 gives these group indexes by provinces. An examination of the tables reveals the course of the budget, consisting of food, fuel and lighting, and rents, over the period shown.