

7.—Index Numbers of Retail Prices, Rents and Costs of Services, 1925, 1926, 1927 and January 1928 (1913=100).

NOTE.—For corresponding figures for the years from 1914 to 1924, see pp. 739-741 of the 1926 Year Book.

Years and Months.	Food Index.	Fuel Index.	Rent Index.	Clothing Index.	Sundries Index.	Total Index Number.
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	156	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
1927.						
January.....	152	151	156	157	151	153
February.....	150	151	156	157	151	153
March.....	148	151	156	156	151	152
April.....	145	151	156	156	151	151
May.....	145	148	156	155	150	150
June.....	147	147	156	155	150	151
July.....	148	147	156	155	150	151
August.....	147	147	156	155	150	151
September.....	145	147	156	156	150	150
October.....	146	149	156	156	150	151
November.....	148	149	156	156	150	152
December.....	150	149	156	157	150	153
1928.						
January.....	151	149	156	157	150	153

A family budget constructed by the Department of Labour appears regularly in the "Labour Gazette". This budget material has been used by the Bureau to obtain the tables which follow.

Table 8 shows the average prices of items included in the family budget in 1913 in each of the years from 1920-27. 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.

8.—Prices of a Family Budget of Staple Foods, Fuel and Lighting and Rent, in Sixty Cities in Canada, 1913, 1920-1927.

Commodities.	Quantity.	Base, 1913.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Beef, sirloin steak.....	1 lb.	\$ 0.222	\$ 0.399	\$ 0.332	\$ 0.292	\$ 0.293	\$ 0.290	\$ 0.285	\$ 0.294	\$ 0.308
Beef, chuck roast.....	1 "	0.148	0.251	0.197	0.162	0.152	0.148	0.152	0.160	0.172
Veal, roast.....	1 "	0.157	0.274	0.226	0.188	0.182	0.179	0.182	0.193	0.203
Mutton, roast.....	1 "	0.191	0.354	0.292	0.273	0.277	0.278	0.289	0.298	0.291
Pork, fresh, roast.....	1 "	0.195	0.397	0.328	0.295	0.264	0.240	0.275	0.302	0.282
Pork, salt mess.....	1 "	0.176	0.362	0.309	0.265	0.252	0.231	0.254	0.278	0.265
Bacon, breakfast.....	1 "	0.247	0.550	0.497	0.412	0.394	0.337	0.385	0.431	0.393
Lard, pure leaf.....	1 "	0.192	0.380	0.330	0.221	0.231	0.220	0.242	0.245	0.221
Eggs, fresh.....	1 dos.	0.337	0.709	0.529	0.447	0.442	0.439	0.486	0.468	0.487
Eggs, storage.....	1 "	0.281	0.608	0.479	0.390	0.370	0.368	0.417	0.398	0.424
Milk.....	1 qt.	0.086	0.151	0.139	0.121	0.117	0.121	0.119	0.118	0.119
Butter, dairy.....	1 lb.	0.292	0.631	0.447	0.378	0.399	0.387	0.389	0.406	0.415
Butter, creamery.....	1 "	0.339	0.696	0.519	0.440	0.451	0.435	0.439	0.448	0.463