

## 12.—Traders' Index Numbers of Prices and Volume of Sales, 1927-28.

Note.—The Traders' index measures the trend of gains or losses for an "average" trader on the Montreal and Toronto stock exchanges, who buys and sells as a whole and turns over his investments every week.

Column I—Weighted index numbers of the prices of the 25 best selling Industrial and Public Utility common stocks on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges.

Column II—Weighted index numbers of the volume of shares sold.

Column III—Index numbers of the total money value of the stocks included in I and 2 above.

Date.	I Prices.	II Sales.	III Values.
1926.....	100	100	100
January, 1927.....	111.7	90.9	101.5
February.....	123.0	93.2	114.6
March.....	132.3	95.5	126.3
April.....	146.2	102.3	149.6
May.....	161.0	104.2	167.8
June.....	177.3	132.1	234.2
July.....	174.0	66.7	116.0
August.....	187.8	63.1	118.5
September.....	211.3	110.1	232.6
October.....	236.4	120.6	285.1
November.....	251.7	83.9	211.2
December.....	281.4	104.5	284.0
January, 1928.....	317.2	113.0	358.4
1928.			
Week ending Jan. 5th.....	299.5	69.6	206.4
" " 12th.....	306.6	66.7	204.3
" " 19th.....	317.0	89.6	284.0
" " 26th.....	329.6	128.6	423.8
" Feb. 2nd.....	335.6	87.6	293.9

## IV.—PRICES OF SERVICES.

The study of the prices of various services sheds considerable light on the cost of living. Among expenditures for the family budget those incurred for services are of considerable importance. The Bureau has had under investigation the relative cost of a number of services in more recent years as compared with 1913; the results for certain services are shown below.

## 1.—Street Car Fares.

The investigation into rates charged for street car fares during the period 1913-1926 shows that ordinary fares in 35 centres throughout the Dominion have increased 44.3 p.c. since 1913. For the last five years they have remained comparatively stationary. Fares in 4 centres have remained unchanged during the period and in the other 31 the increases have ranged from 20 p.c. to 100 p.c.

## 13.—Index Numbers of Ordinary Street Car Fares in 35 Cities, 1913, 1917-1926.

(Fares in 1913=100.)

Section.	Number of Cities or Towns.	1913.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
Maritime Provinces.....	4	100	100	100	126.1	146.6	146.6	146.6	146.6	146.6	146.6	146.6
Quebec.....	4	100	100	103.2	120.3	140.0	146.2	150.2	150.2	150.2	150.2	150.2
Ontario.....	16	100	100.5	101.0	104.6	104.6	107.7	133.7	138.7	138.7	138.8	139.3
Prairie Provinces.....	7	100	103.1	105.3	122.6	137.0	145.2	145.2	145.2	145.2	146.6	146.6
British Columbia.....	4	100	100	134.6	134.6	134.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6
Grand Total.....	35	100	100.7	105.9	115.8	125.3	130.2	143.9	143.9	143.9	144.1	144.3