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2.-Manufactured and Natural Fuel Gas.

Data collected by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, regarding rates for natural and manufactured fuel gas used for domestic purposes, show that, while the average price of natural gas has tended upward during the period 1913 to 1926, that for manufactured fuel gas reached its peak in 1921 and has declined since that year. The index number for natural gas, on the basis 1913 = 100, was 172.2 in 1926, while that for manufactured gas was 131.1.

In 1913 the price of natural gas throughout the Dominion ranged from 13½ cents to 70 cents net for the first 1,000 cubic feet, and in 1926 from 23½ cents to \$1.00. Manufactured gas ranged from 70 cents to \$2.25 net for the first 1,000 cu. ft. in 1913 and from 85 cents to \$2.48 in 1926.

Natural gas prices have been influenced during most of the period by declining supply in the province of Ontario, which caused prices to rise. In the last two years, however, greatly increased production in Alberta has influenced the index numbers in an opposite direction, the Dominion index for natural gas having fallen from 179.7 in 1925 to 172.2 in 1926.

Prices of manufactured and of natural fuel gas are given for various cities in Tables 14 and 15.

 Prices of Manufactured Fuel Gas for Domestic Consumption in Certain Cities in Canada, 1913-1926.

Provinces and Cities.	1913.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
	\$	-\$	- \$	\$	\$	*	\$	\$	\$	\$	*	
New Brunswick— Saint John	1.00	1.00	1.00	1·50- 2·00	2.00	2.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	2-25	2.25	1-75
Quebec—		1	l	- 00		ŀ	ļ .					
Montreal	-90	-85	-85	-85	∙85	-80- 1-10	1.10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1.10
Quebec	1.20	1-00- 1-20	1.00	1-00- 1-25	1.25	1.75	1-75	1.55	1.55	1.50	1-50	1-50
Sherbrooke	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.50	1.50	1.57	1.57	1-48	1.48	1-48	1.48	1.35
Ontario												
BellevilleBrockville	1-25	1-25	1.45	1.60	1.65 1.40	1.85 1.40	1.85 2.00	1.85 2.00	1.85 1.80- 2.00	1.85 1.80	1.85 1.80	1.85 1.80
KitchenerLondon	1.10	1·10 ·90	1-25 -90	1.35 •90	1·35 ·90	1·80 ·90	1·70 ·90-	1.60 1.25	1.60 1.15-	1.50 1.15	1·30 1·10	1.00 1.10
Oshawa	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.75	1.75	2-15	1-25 2-15	2.15	1·25 2·10	2-00	1.90	1.90
Ottawa	1 - 15	1-12	1·00- 1·12	1.06- 1.12	1.06- 1.22	1-15-	1.43-	1·43- 1·50	1-43- 1-50	1.43- 1.50	I+43- 1+50	1.43-
Owen Sound	1.25	1.00	1.00- 1.26	1.26	1.26	2.00	1.62	1.62	Ĩ·62	1.62	1.22	1.35
Peterborough	1.25	1.25	1.40	1.75	2.00	2.00	2.00	1-90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
Stratford		1.20	1·20- 1·30	1·30- 1·45	1.45	2.00	2.00	2-00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Toronto	∙70	-70	-80	90	·90-	1·00- 1·10	1-25	1-00- 1-25	-90	-90	-85	-85
Manitoba—		[]										

1.35

1-35- 1-60

1.60

1.60

1.60

1-20

2.25 2.25

1.40

Winnipeg...

British Columbia— New Westminster.

Vancouver.....

1.20

1-20- 1-35

2.48

1.35

Net Price per 1,000 cu. ft. (exclusive of meter rent or other service charge).