

The Family Budget.—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 7 shows the average prices of items included in the family budget in 1913, 1920 and each of the years from 1922-28. The index numbers are weighted with the quantities used by the Department of Labour in computing their monthly family budget. Table 8 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.

7.—Prices of a Family Budget of Staple Foods, Fuel and Lighting and Rent, in Sixty Cities in Canada, 1913, 1920, 1922-1928.

Commodities.	Quantity.	Base, 1913.	1920.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Beef, sirloin steak.....	1 lb.	0-222	0-389	0-292	0-263	0-280	0-285	0-294	0-308	0-345
Beef, chuck roast.....	1 "	0-148	0-251	0-162	0-152	0-148	0-152	0-160	0-172	0-206
Veal, roast.....	1 "	0-157	0-274	0-188	0-182	0-179	0-182	0-193	0-203	0-226
Mutton, roast.....	1 "	0-191	0-354	0-273	0-277	0-278	0-289	0-298	0-291	0-300
Pork, fresh, roast.....	1 "	0-195	0-397	0-295	0-264	0-240	0-275	0-302	0-282	0-273
Pork, salt mess.....	1 "	0-176	0-362	0-265	0-252	0-231	0-254	0-278	0-265	0-261
Bacon, breakfast.....	1 "	0-247	0-559	0-412	0-394	0-337	0-385	0-431	0-398	0-379
Lard, pure leaf.....	1 "	0-192	0-380	0-221	0-231	0-220	0-242	0-246	0-221	0-221
Eggs, fresh.....	1 doz.	0-337	0-709	0-447	0-442	0-439	0-486	0-466	0-487	0-478
Eggs, storage.....	1 "	0-281	0-608	0-390	0-370	0-368	0-417	0-398	0-424	0-412
Milk.....	1 qt.	0-086	0-151	0-121	0-117	0-121	0-119	0-118	0-119	0-121
Butter, dairy.....	1 lb.	0-292	0-631	0-378	0-389	0-387	0-389	0-406	0-415	0-417
Butter, creamery.....	1 "	0-339	0-696	0-440	0-451	0-435	0-438	0-448	0-463	0-461
Cheese, old.....	1 "	0-205	0-406	0-303	0-326	0-301	0-312	0-318	0-310	0-329
Cheese, new.....	1 "	0-191	0-383	0-279	0-326	0-301	0-312	0-318	0-310	0-329
Bread, plain white.....	1 "	0-041	0-093	0-069	0-067	0-069	0-078	0-076	0-077	0-077
Flour, family.....	1 "	0-032	0-079	0-047	0-044	0-045	0-057	0-053	0-053	0-052
Rolls, oats.....	1 "	0-044	0-084	0-056	0-055	0-056	0-061	0-058	0-061	0-063
Rice, good medium.....	1 "	0-057	0-164	0-098	0-104	0-105	0-109	0-110	0-108	0-105
Beans, handpicked.....	1 "	0-062	0-117	0-087	0-087	0-084	0-083	0-079	0-081	0-089
Apples, evaporated.....	1 "	0-120	0-286	0-234	0-200	0-194	0-204	0-200	0-194	0-210
Prunes, medium.....	1 "	0-119	0-270	0-193	0-185	0-160	0-156	0-158	0-148	0-135
Sugar, granulated.....	1 "	0-059	0-197	0-087	0-117	0-109	0-085	0-079	0-083	0-079
Sugar, yellow.....	1 "	0-055	0-185	0-082	0-112	0-104	0-081	0-075	0-079	0-075
Tea, black.....	1 "	0-356	0-644	0-560	0-556	0-700	0-714	0-719	0-716	0-713
Tea, green.....	1 "	0-372	0-672	0-602	0-658	0-700	0-714	0-719	0-716	0-713
Coffee.....	1 "	0-378	0-608	0-535	0-539	0-550	0-604	0-612	0-612	0-607
Potatoes.....	1 pk.	0-150	0-658	0-235	0-252	0-270	0-276	0-486	0-317	0-258
Vinegar, white wine.....	1 pt.	0-064	0-080	0-078	0-075	0-080	0-086	0-080	0-080	0-080
All Foods, Weekly Budget.....	\$	7-337	15-99	10-394	10-525	10-313	10-813	11-211	11-001	11-037
Starch, laundry.....	1 lb.	0-096	0-144	0-122	0-122	0-122	0-124	0-124	0-123	0-123
Coal, anthracite.....	1 ton	8-80	17-01	17-713	17-989	17-052	16-833	17-392	14-464	16-272
Coal, bituminous.....	1 "	6-19	12-38	11-436	11-555	10-707	10-249	10-311	10-208	10-113
Wood, hard, best.....	1 cord	6-80	13-09	12-564	12-764	12-455	12-260	12-195	12-128	12-077
Wood, soft.....	1 "	4-90	10-14	9-380	9-512	9-209	8-979	8-947	8-96	8-937
Coal oil.....	1 gal.	0-237	0-365	0-313	0-307	0-306	0-304	0-308	0-314	0-311
Rent, 1 month.....	\$	19-00	24-80	27-74	27-86	27-79	27-537	27-43	27-44	27-67
Grand Total Weekly Budget.....	\$	14-624	25-908	20-877	21-068	20-493	21-063	21-471	21-201	21-268