

Table 9 shows the average prices of items included in the family budget in 1913, 1920 and each of the years from 1923-31. The index numbers are weighted by the quantities used by the Department of Labour in computing their monthly family budget. Table 10 gives these group indexes by provinces. An examination of the tables reveals the course of the budget, consisting of food, fuel and lighting, and rent, over the period shown.

9.—Prices of a Family Budget of Staple Foods, Fuel and Lighting, and Rent, for Sixty Cities in Canada, 1913, 1920, 1923-31.

| Commodity. | Quantity. | 1913. | 1920. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. | 1926. | 1927. | 1928. | 1929. | 1930. | 1931. |
|---|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Beef, sirloin steak..... | 1 lb. | 0-222 | 0-389 | 0-233 | 0-280 | 0-285 | 0-294 | 0-308 | 0-345 | 0-363 | 0-350 | 0-286 |
| Beef, chuck roast..... | 1 " | 0-148 | 0-251 | 0-152 | 0-148 | 0-152 | 0-160 | 0-172 | 0-206 | 0-227 | 0-221 | 0-158 |
| Veal, roast..... | 1 " | 0-157 | 0-274 | 0-182 | 0-179 | 0-182 | 0-193 | 0-203 | 0-226 | 0-245 | 0-239 | 0-183 |
| Mutton, roast..... | 1 " | 0-191 | 0-354 | 0-277 | 0-278 | 0-289 | 0-298 | 0-291 | 0-300 | 0-309 | 0-302 | 0-253 |
| Pork, fresh, roast..... | 1 " | 0-195 | 0-397 | 0-264 | 0-240 | 0-275 | 0-302 | 0-282 | 0-273 | 0-300 | 0-298 | 0-223 |
| Pork, salt mess..... | 1 " | 0-176 | 0-362 | 0-252 | 0-231 | 0-254 | 0-278 | 0-265 | 0-261 | 0-273 | 0-271 | 0-226 |
| Bacon, breakfast..... | 1 " | 0-247 | 0-559 | 0-394 | 0-337 | 0-385 | 0-431 | 0-393 | 0-379 | 0-393 | 0-399 | 0-301 |
| Lard, pure leaf..... | 1 " | 0-192 | 0-390 | 0-231 | 0-220 | 0-242 | 0-246 | 0-221 | 0-221 | 0-219 | 0-212 | 0-157 |
| Eggs, fresh..... | 1 doz. | 0-337 | 0-709 | 0-442 | 0-439 | 0-486 | 0-466 | 0-487 | 0-478 | 0-475 | 0-457 | 0-337 |
| Eggs, storage..... | 1 " | 0-281 | 0-608 | 0-370 | 0-368 | 0-417 | 0-398 | 0-424 | 0-412 | 0-403 | 0-394 | 0-271 |
| Milk..... | 1 qt. | 0-086 | 0-151 | 0-117 | 0-121 | 0-119 | 0-118 | 0-119 | 0-121 | 0-123 | 0-123 | 0-111 |
| Butter, dairy..... | 1 lb. | 0-292 | 0-631 | 0-399 | 0-387 | 0-389 | 0-406 | 0-415 | 0-417 | 0-428 | 0-368 | 0-272 |
| Butter, creamery..... | 1 " | 0-339 | 0-696 | 0-451 | 0-435 | 0-438 | 0-448 | 0-463 | 0-461 | 0-470 | 0-405 | 0-300 |
| Cheese, old..... | 1 " | 0-205 | 0-406 | 0-326 | 0-301 | 0-312 | 0-318 | 0-310 | 0-329 | 0-334 | 0-319 | 0-251 |
| Cheese, new..... | 1 " | 0-191 | 0-383 | 0-326 | 0-301 | 0-312 | 0-318 | 0-310 | 0-329 | 0-334 | 0-318 | 0-251 |
| Bread, plain white..... | 1 " | 0-041 | 0-093 | 0-067 | 0-069 | 0-073 | 0-076 | 0-077 | 0-077 | 0-078 | 0-075 | 0-062 |
| Flour, family..... | 1 " | 0-032 | 0-079 | 0-044 | 0-045 | 0-057 | 0-063 | 0-053 | 0-052 | 0-051 | 0-047 | 0-033 |
| Rolls, oat..... | 1 " | 0-044 | 0-084 | 0-055 | 0-056 | 0-061 | 0-058 | 0-061 | 0-063 | 0-064 | 0-061 | 0-050 |
| Rice, good medium..... | 1 " | 0-057 | 0-164 | 0-104 | 0-105 | 0-109 | 0-110 | 0-108 | 0-105 | 0-104 | 0-101 | 0-092 |
| Beans, handpicked..... | 1 " | 0-062 | 0-117 | 0-087 | 0-084 | 0-093 | 0-079 | 0-081 | 0-089 | 0-115 | 0-094 | 0-061 |
| Apples, evaporated..... | 1 " | 0-120 | 0-286 | 0-200 | 0-194 | 0-204 | 0-200 | 0-194 | 0-210 | 0-213 | 0-206 | 0-178 |
| Prunes, medium..... | 1 " | 0-119 | 0-270 | 0-185 | 0-160 | 0-156 | 0-158 | 0-148 | 0-135 | 0-141 | 0-155 | 0-121 |
| Sugar, granulated..... | 1 " | 0-059 | 0-197 | 0-117 | 0-109 | 0-085 | 0-079 | 0-083 | 0-079 | 0-073 | 0-068 | 0-062 |
| Sugar, yellow..... | 1 " | 0-055 | 0-185 | 0-112 | 0-104 | 0-081 | 0-075 | 0-079 | 0-075 | 0-069 | 0-065 | 0-060 |
| Tea, black..... | 1 " | 0-356 | 0-644 | 0-656 | 0-709 | 0-714 | 0-719 | 0-716 | 0-713 | 0-704 | 0-628 | 0-552 |
| Tea, green..... | 1 " | 0-372 | 0-672 | 0-656 | 0-700 | 0-714 | 0-719 | 0-716 | 0-713 | 0-704 | 0-628 | 0-552 |
| Coffee..... | 1 " | 0-376 | 0-608 | 0-539 | 0-550 | 0-604 | 0-612 | 0-612 | 0-607 | 0-604 | 0-572 | 0-482 |
| Potatoes..... | 1 pt. | 0-150 | 0-658 | 0-252 | 0-270 | 0-276 | 0-436 | 0-317 | 0-258 | 0-291 | 0-355 | 0-172 |
| Vinegar, white wine..... | 1 pt. | 0-064 | 0-080 | 0-075 | 0-080 | 0-080 | 0-080 | 0-080 | 0-080 | 0-080 | 0-080 | 0-080 |
| All Foods, Weekly Budget..... | \$ | 7-34 | 15-99 | 10-52 | 10-31 | 10-81 | 11-21 | 11-00 | 11-04 | 11-34 | 10-96 | 8-40 |
| Starch, laundry..... | 1 lb. | 0-096 | 0-144 | 0-122 | 0-122 | 0-124 | 0-124 | 0-123 | 0-123 | 0-123 | 0-123 | 0-120 |
| Coal, anthracite..... | 1 ton | 8-80 | 17-04 | 17-980 | 17-052 | 16-833 | 17-392 | 16-465 | 16-272 | 16-192 | 16-112 | 16-064 |
| Coal, bituminous..... | 1 " | 6-19 | 12-38 | 11-555 | 10-707 | 10-249 | 10-311 | 10-213 | 10-113 | 10-08 | 10-064 | 9-840 |
| Wood, hard, best..... | 1 cord | 6-80 | 13-09 | 12-764 | 12-485 | 12-280 | 12-195 | 12-128 | 12-077 | 12-208 | 12-176 | 11-696 |
| Wood, soft..... | 1 " | 4-90 | 10-14 | 9-512 | 9-209 | 8-979 | 8-947 | 8-96 | 8-937 | 8-800 | 8-672 | 8-560 |
| Coal oil..... | 1 gal. | 0-237 | 0-365 | 0-307 | 0-306 | 0-304 | 0-308 | 0-314 | 0-311 | 0-311 | 0-309 | 0-291 |
| Rent, 1 month..... | \$ | 10-00 | 24-80 | 27-86 | 27-79 | 27-54 | 27-43 | 27-43 | 27-67 | 27-92 | 28-16 | 27-80 |
| Grand Totals, Weekly Budget..... | \$ | 14-02 | 25-91 | 21-07 | 20-69 | 21-06 | 21-47 | 21-20 | 21-27 | 21-61 | 21-29 | 16-66 |

*Totals for "all foods" and "grand totals" are based upon the estimated weekly family consumption of the commodities specified in the table.